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# 'Conditional OK' to open casino

By JON PEREZ jon\_perez@saipantribune.com REPORTER

mperial Pacific Resort's casino may soon go "live" after the Commonwealth Casino Commission conditionally approved its request to begin operations.

CCC met yesterday with representatives of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's technology room to discuss the Hong Kong-based investor's request to open its casino while the hotel side is still being completed. Representatives of permitting agencies like the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and Department of Public Works' Building and Safety Code Division were also

The meeting was to review IPI's request to begin casino operations inside the hotel that is currently be-

CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said the conditional

### **'BEST DANCERS'**

Hyatt Regency Saipan employees pose for a picture at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Corporate Challenge last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion. In the jingle competition, Hyatt Regency Saipan performed an original rap-style song with a choreographed dance that earned them the "Best Dance." CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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# **FOLLOWING OSHA INVESTIGATION** Contractors face \$193K penalties

to fall protection, scaffolds, crane area control and machine guarding

>> Hazards found relate Three contractors on Saipan face the casino under development in \$193,750 in proposed penalties after investigators from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration found that the companies exposed workers to numerous workplace hazards at

Garapan.

OSHA officials issued safety and health citations for hazards related to inadequate fall protection, unsecured scaffolding, unprotected crane See CONTRACTORS on Page 4



# Food stamp benefits to increase

Current recipients of the Nutrition Assistance Program will have their benefits increased effective June 1, 2017, in accordance with the Enhancement Plan the CNMI submitted of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition

Service. The Enhancement Plan increases the "basis of issuance" for all eligible households in the CNMI.

approval compels IPI to still work

and complete commission require-

ments before the casino can begin

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The basis of issuance is the maximum monthly benefit allotment an and approved by U.S. Department eligible household may receive. If a

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# CHCC to raise nurses' salaries

By ERWIN ENCINARES

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. wants to raise the salaries have been frozen since 2006. of its nurses this summer as a primary means to attract and retain Health Center hospital administra-

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña told Saipan Tribune yesterday that the wages of nurses

According to Commonwealth

tor Jesse Tudela, the starting salary of a registered nurse is at a little less than \$25,000 per annum.

Muña did not disclose how much of an increase CHCC plans to implement but assured that it would happen.

"It is long overdue," she added. According to Muña, she is cur-

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Former security adviser Michael Flynn will provide documents to a Senate committee.

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In a world of only women, there are no phallic structures.

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# Local

# SCC's Corporate Challenge raises \$12K

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This year's Corporate Challenge was held last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion in Susupe, with Marianas Pa-

cific Distributors Inc., or Mar-Pac, winning first place.

The event, the signature fundraiser of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, raised \$12,000 that will benefit six students. Next week,

June 7, 2017, the students will be awarded the scholar-ship funds at the Chamber's June membership meeting at Saipan World Resort.

Corporate Challenge is a healthy way for companies



Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan employees pose for a picture at the Corporate Challenge last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion.



Imperial Pacific International employees pose for a picture at the Corporate Challenge last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion.

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MarPac employees pose for a picture at the Corporate Challenge last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion.

and their employees to get together and be active while adding a social component for those who want to sit on the sidelines and cheer on their colleagues.

This year, nine teams went head to head at the 17th Annual Corporate Challenge, overcoming obstacles that tested

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The Shack employees pose for a picture at the Corporate Challenge last Sunday at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion.

their unity and sportsmanship.
The teams that competed

were Delta Management's Delta Force, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Marianas Pacific Distributors, Inc., Pacific Trading Co.'s Monster Gators, Kanoa Resort's The Black Mambas, IT&E's Team Blue, and The Shack Saipan.

The day started off with the jingle competition. Each team performed an original dance and song that exemplified their company's mission. Hyatt Regency Saipan performed an original rap-style song with a choreographed dance that earned them the "Best Dance."

The second game was a series of mini-games: "Bot-tle Flip," "Puzzled," and "Marshmallow Lift." Each game required a pair from each team to work together in a battle against the clock for the fastest time. The Shack Saipan sped through the games, earning them the title of "Smartest Team."

The third game was an intense four rounds where each team competed in a tug of war. One by one, each team fell by the wayside; The Black Mambas of Kanoa Resort, Team Blue, and Team IPI rose to the top. The final round was between Team Blue and Team

IPI. Team IPI overpowered Team Blue to get the title of "Strongest Team."

The fourth game was a five-part obstacle course. The fastest team to complete the course was Delta Force, earning them the title of "Quickest Team."

Other awards that were given were "Best Dressed" and "Best Tent."

"Best Dressed" went to Delta Force. Their shirts represented their company and were very distinguishable.

"Best Tent" was awarded to Corporate Challenge rookie The Shack Saipan. Their tent resembled their establishment and represented their company's stance on "all-natural" beauty.

The "Spirit Award" went to the team with the highest scores in the jingle competition, tent decoration, and company uniform. It was awarded to Delta Force. Delta Management's ingenious tent decorations gave them the edge over last year's winner, Hyatt Regency Saipan.

The overall first and second place awards went to the teams with the highest scores in both games and spirit portion. MarPac won first place. Fiesta Resort & Spa won overall second place for the second year in a row.



# Torres: PHI operation will ensure continuity of service

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres be-

lieves that extending PHI Pharmacy's operation at the Commonwealth Health Center assures that medication would be provided to patients of the CNMI's lone government healthcare facility.

The administration said they

remain steadfast in monitoring

what had transpired. "We re-

main steadfast in monitoring

the progress of the facilities

and OSHA compliance, the

abatement of all violations and

the well-being of all employ-

ees under IPI contractors and

their adherence to federal and

local laws.'

### at the hospital is set to expire in August this year and Torres is hoping that Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther L. Muna would renew the

Muna plans to apply for the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program, which would give CHCC the chance to provide quality and low-cost medicine to its patients and the community.

pharmacy's lease.

PHI's lease in operating

Although he is not fully aware of the specifics of the 340B program, Torres said it is not known how

long the application process would take.

"They [CHCC] should be applying in July. My whole purpose of making it an issue, that we should give PHI extension, is there's an application process in July. I don't know if it would take 60 days or 30 days or one day for the result to come out, and whether it is approved or not."

"In the meantime I would not, in no circumstances. jeopardize or risk the pharmaceutical service that is not operational to provide medicine for the community

simply because we are waiting for the result or response from the agency."

He added that continuity in providing medication is vital to the community. "By us providing and assisting and giving PHI an extension would not in any way jeopardize anybody."

Torres said that asking PHI to leave without the assurance of the 340B program in place is a chance he does not want to take. "I am not willing to take the chance. There is no risk worth the chance of removing and not providing medication to our people."

# NMI working closely with US Labor' safety violations.

By JON PEREZ

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The CNMI Department of Labor has been working closely with its federal counterpart in making sure the concerns of workers that are still protesting are met and that safety of the construction site would be the top priority of contractors hired by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC.

That's according to a statement released by the Torres administration yesterday, adding that local Labor personnel regularly visit the remaining workers that protested and they are also cooperating with U.S. Labor officials so that back wages are paid.

"Additionally, USDOL and the CNMI government are working closely to mediate violations, deploy corrective actions, facilitate medical care for the workers, and enforce employer accountability.

"The administration continues to strengthen enforcement efforts going forward to prevent situations such as these from occurring again and assure the public that measures are being put into place to find resolution to this issue."

The administration also recognized the efforts of U.S. Labor in making sure issues on occupational safety are addressed while all fines and corrective actions for the facility are issued. "We would like to acknowledge that the safety of employees in the development of the facility remains a priority."

"[The Commonwealth Casino Commission] is still requesting information needed for IPI to meet conditions for complying with the law to fulfill regulations and [Occupational Safety and Health Administration] standards."

OSHA has proposed a total of \$193,750 in fines and penalties on three construction companies that IPI hired to build the Imperial Pacific Resort, after finding out that they violated federal regulations.

OSHA cited MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co., the main contractor for the project, with 10 violations that cost \$81,484 in penalties, while Nanjing BeiLiDa New Material System Engineering Co. is given \$81,483 in proposed penalties for 10 violations. Gold Mantis Construction Decoration Saipan LLC is being proposed with \$30,783 in fines on four

# 'MVA set aside \$50K for museum'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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The Marianas Visitors Authority has already set aside \$50,000 of its budget to support the CNMI Museum.

According to MVA managing director Chris Concepcion, the decision to set aside \$50,000 of the MVA budget for the CNMI Museum was earlier approved by the MVA board as they were making their budget requests for fiscal year 2018.

"The next step is to work on a memorandum of understanding and for [CNMI museum director Daniel Aquino] to submit a breakdown of how he plans to spend the \$50,000," he said.

"[MVA] is ready to release the funds to them once everything is approved by both offices," he added.

Concepcion added that Aquino has been working directly with MVA procurement officer Dave Muña, but disclosed that during the meeting with Aquino, the breakdown was not yet ready.

"We are very pleased to be able to support the museum. It has always been our goal to promote it—and we do—our website promotes it and our offshore partners promote it. Definitely

we [would like to be able to] encourage our visitors to visit the museum and learn about our history," said Concepcion, adding that some of the artifacts in the museum may be displayed in the airport or somewhere else frequented by tourists.

"We are thinking of working with the Commonwealth Ports Authority to display [some of the artifacts] in glass cases complete with a description, and maybe change the displays quarterly or annually," said Concepcion.

He believed it is important to "preserve what is [in the museum] and provide an avenue for them to be displayed."

"We look forward to the day when the CNMI Museum is fully open so that both residents and visitors may check it out," he added.

The CNMI Museum is currently closed and has been so since the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor last August 2015. The museum, which used to serve as an old Japanese hospital even before World War II, sustained damage due to Soudelor. Aquino was just appointed just two weeks ago. Its former director is the current head of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Robert Hunter.



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# US, NMI flags flown at half-staff

All American and Commonwealth flags will be flown at half-staff in honor of Juan Blanco Camacho, a former

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member of the House of Representatives.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, in a proclamation signed Tuesday, directed that U.S. and Commonwealth flags at the legislative building and at all government buildings, instruof Camacho's interment.

mentalities, and grounds to be

flown at half-staff until the day

There was no immediate word on when the interment would take place. (Saipan Tribune)

# tion have all been addressed,

operations. "When that's done, the chair and I will go by and re-inspect it to make sure all the documents are completed and submitted." eration of its gaming facility.

"And that would be the time the commission would issue the approval to go live. When that would be? It depends on when IPI would submit all requirements. They submitted an enormous amount of documentation [Wednesday] and [Tuesday] electronically," added Deleon Guerrero. from DPW.

He said the commission and their staff are going through all electronic information submitted by IPI. "We're going through a lot. We're looking at an enormous amount of information." J.M Aquino Engineering

structure inspector Norman Pangelinan, BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman, Division of Environmental Quality director Ray S. Masga, DPW Building Safety official Casiano Bostre, and inspector supervisor Angelo Camacho spoke at the meeting.

Pangelinan, Camacho, and Bostre testified that the structure has met all building regulations while IPI assured the commission that all concerns raised by the Occupational Safety and Health Administraincluding the construction debris that have already been cleared.

Deleon Guerrero said the commission invited representatives of permitting agencies in reference to the concerns on IPI's request to begin the op-

He said that based on what the commission heard yesterday, IPI has substantially complied with all the requirements of all permitting agencies. "We had an extensive discussion with the folks who are providing the OSHA training and also got an update on the building code

"There was an intensive briefing on the safety and integrity of the building. We had a representative from J.M. Aquino [Engineering], the structural engineering firm that was hired by IPI. Based on their discussion, the facility has not only met the code but actually went beyond. That the structural facility is safe goes beyond the requirements of the code."

### **Another review**

Deleon Guerrero said they would still review the other documents and information that they asked IPI to submit. They sent a letter to IPI (CNMI) chief executive officer Yiu Ling Kwong detailing a list that IPI needs to accomplish before fully allowing the casino to begin operations.

The full operation of the fire alarm systems and increased presence of fire watch, safety consultant, construction workers' proper work authorization, legal certification, parking spaces, trash removal and IPR grounds enhancement, and indemnification agreement were the ones that IPI must address.

Deleon Guerrero said they would have another chance to review all the documents that IPI submitted yesterday and the other information that would be given to them in the coming days.

"[Once] the commission received all of those information that we requested on our May 26 letter and [CCC] is satisfied, the chair and I are authorized to issue the approval for the casino to go live."

"Again, they have to submit all the documents that we requested in the May 26 letter issued to the CEO. We are going through this because they have started to provide us the data and some are given through electronic form," said Deleon Guerrero.

"We're having our audit and compliance team review those, making sure we take our time to review and making sure the information that we requested are in fact in there," he added.

# All set for gaming

Deleon Guerrero said that IPI has done everything needed to comply with the gaming part. "The gaming is ready. It is just the facility and safety that is in question. If the other permitting agencies are satisfied and comfortable, then we should not wait until [last week of] June at our next meeting."

'We could proceed based on our checklist, if they met it then they should be allowed to open. It is just basically switching location from [T Galleria] to the new location. The staff is ready; all operations as far as the gaming part are ready. All the machines have been certified and audited. All the requirements and surveillance system are all in place."

Construction, once it resumes, would only be done at the back part of the building where there would be less pedestrian traffic. "There are [also] security and safety officers there. They are not allowing people to go to the back. The entrance is at the north side. The south and west side is where the next phase is."

Deleon Guerrero said that IPI needs to comply with what they have listed or there won't be any approval to open the casino facility. "The gaming part is ready to go. The issue now is safety."

"We're doing our due diligence on this. We want to make sure the people who work there, the patrons who come in to play, our staff, and everyone who enters and exits the facility would be safe."

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operation areas, unguarded machines, and failure to notify OSHA about a work-related amputation.

"Workplace safety is a critical component for a growing U.S. economy to reach its full potential," said Barbara Goto, OSHA's regional administrator in San Francisco. "This case serves as a good reminder for companies large and small to be mindful of workplace hazards and to do what it is necessary and required to protect those on the front lines of growth."

MCC International Saipan Ltd. Co., the prime contractor for the casino project, was cited with 10 violations and \$81,484 in proposed penalties. Investigators found workers exposed to uncovered holes and additional hazardous areas around crane operations. In addition, the company failed to notify OSHA of a work-related amputation, and did not report other workers' injuries as required.

OSHA officials also cited MCC's subcontractor, Nanjing BeiLiDa New Materials System Engineering Co., with \$81,483 in proposed penalties for 10 violations. including unsecured compressed gas cylinders, damaged snap hooks on fall protection lanyards, and multiple scaffolding-related

Gold Mantis Construction Decoration, Saipan LLC, also a subcontractor for MCC, was cited with four safety violations carrying \$30,783 in proposed penalties for failure to enforce the use of eye and face protection for unguarded machinery and for the use of a fiber sling with frayed fibers to lift large steel beams.

The three contractors have 15 business days from receipt of its citations and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

To ask questions, obtain compliance assistance, file a complaint, or report workplace hospitalizations, fatalities or situations posing imminent danger to workers, the public should call OSHA's toll-free hotline at 800-321-OSHA (6742).

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit http://www. osha.gov. (OSHA)

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household does not have income, they will receive the maximum benefit allotment based on the number of eligible persons in the household. However, if a household is receiving any type of income, that income will be used to determine the appropriate benefit allotment for which the household is eligible.

The basis of issuance varies between Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and Northern Islands. For example, the maximum benefit allotment for a household size of four on Saipan was \$515 and will be increased 45 percent to \$748. The maximum benefit for a four-person household on Tinian will be increased about 42 percent from \$568 to \$804, while the Rota and Northern Islands maximum benefit will be increased 33 percent from \$719 to \$957.

Additionally. the NAP

provides benefits to NAPcertified Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries, and these minimum monthly allotments will also be increased as part of the Enhancement Plan. Minimum allotments on Saipan will increase from \$23 to \$32 per person. The minimum allotments on Tinian will increase from \$26 to \$35, while minimum allotments on Rota and Northern Islands from \$32 to \$41.

The Nutrition Assistance Program has been awarded block grant funding of \$12.148 million for the regular program for fiscal year 2017; however, the basis of issuance increases will be funded from Section 4031 of the 2014 Agricultural Act grant of \$30.5 million. The grant will be allotted to the CNMI in a threeyear period beginning with \$13.5 million in fiscal year 2016, \$8.5 million in fiscal year 2017 and \$8.5 million in fiscal year 2018 and shall be available to the CNMI NAP until expended.

The CNMI submitted an Enhancement Plan for the use of these supplemental funds, which was approved by USDA Food and Nutrition Service on May 12, 2017. The CNMI enhancement plan covers a four-year period of variable adjustments to the NAP's basis of issuance, minimum allotments, and the income eligibility standards.

Effective, June 1, 2017, the income eligibility standards will be increased for the first time since Oct. 1, 1997, increasing the current level 37 percent. A household size of four that was limited to \$933 monthly gross income has been increased to monthly gross income of \$1,277 in order to qualify for NAP assistance.

As part of the approved Enhancement Plan, the NAP will also utilize Section 4031 funds to develop a new NAP Eligibility System to replace the existing legacy system. The new eligibility system will further enhance the data management and customer service, and will permit registered applicants to transmit required documentation via an online client portal. A retailer portal will also be created to allow retailers to submit applications and documentation online.

Ongoing development of the new eligibility system is in progress and is expected to be completed by January 2019. Building a new eligibility system is a requisite to integrate an Electronic Benefits Transfer system, which will replace paper coupons with a debit card system. EBT will provide improved benefit transaction and monitor purchases, and will help prevent fraud and abuses. The cost of integrating EBT with the new eligibility system will also be funded by the Section 4031 funds. Integrating an EBT system may take up to two years to complete following the implementation of the new eligibility system. (Office of the Governor)

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rently waiting on CHCC chief financial officer Derek Sasamoto's financial analysis on how the salary increase would impact the corporation.

In line with the increase, Muña said there could also be a possible increase in hospital rates. She said that CHCC is currently looking at consulting an expert to look at the hospital's charge master, which is the comprehensive list of items or services billable to a patient or insurance provider. According to Muña, the last time hospital rates were looked at was back in October 2012. Muña also mentioned that CHCC is looking at securing a technical assistance grant to pay for that expert.

"Somebody has to pay for this cost," she said, referring to the adjustment of the nurses salaries. The large number of CHCC nurses add up to large amounts, Muna said, and the fact that CHCC is shortstaffed is causing nurses to work overtime.

"We are looking at the current salary and we are also looking at hiring [more nurses]. There are recruiters out

there that we compete with. CHCC wants to retain its nurses but to do that, we need to take action now. We cannot delay it any further," she said.

"To carry on with what we have been doing in the past is unsustainable. We are going to lose staff and we won't be able to provide our services," she added.

Tudela pointed out that some CHCC nurses have expressed a desire to work elsewhere if salaries are not

"Some have said that that [salary hike] is what would keep them here," said Tudela, adding that those who approached him were local, U.S.-licensed nurses.

"They were inquiring and already making plans to leave if the salary is not adjusted. This is besides the CW-1 issue. These are our local nurses," he said, mentioning that a handful of CNMI nurses have already moved to Guam over the past couple years.

Although Muña did not provide any specifics, she clarified that the salary raises would affect nurses under CHCC on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

The number of nurses employed by CHCC is estimated at around 200.

# **BUSINESS PROFILE:**

# Ramona L. Jones

By BEA CABRERA

Ramona L. Jones is the CEO of Jones & Guerrero Inc. in Guam. She and her management team handles various subsidiaries of the company, including KFC and Taco Bell franchises on Saipan, the Town House Furniture and Appliances retail stores in Guam, and their new business venture—real estate development and rental property enterprises on Saipan.

Jones, the 2017 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business* magazine Businesswoman of the Year, is a seasoned businesswoman who has earned every rank she has ever had, but running a company was the least of her interests when she was a child.

"I wanted to be a neurosurgeon or a genetic engineer when I was child because I was interested in 'what makes us who we are and where we came from.' I loved science but business loved me more," Jones said.

Jones pursued a bachelor in international business and finance in college at the University of San Francisco. She landed a job as a federal employee in Washington, D.C., where she worked as an economic policy special adviser at the Department of the Interior and as a deputy associate director in the executive office of the president in the White House.

"I knew I was going to come back to Guam to work in the family business but one of my core beliefs is that everyone has a duty to serve his or her country and working in civil service for four years was my tour of duty. The opportunity to work under President Bush's administration, especially after 9/11, gave me a real sense of patriotism and I am thankful that I was able to contribute."

Working in a family business is not an easy task because keeping business and personal matters separate can be difficult.

"That is not the case for me. The most harmonious aspect of our family interaction happens at work. Since the beginning, everyone is cordial, knowing the chain of command and we treat each other's ideas with respect. We strictly adhere to that high regard of each person's expertise. I am the fourth girl of five daughters. Our system does not run where only the older member tells everyone what to do. We all have a clear line of responsibility."

The CEO position was not handed to Jones in a silver platter.

"I worked in every job and each one I had to earn in order to level up. I have this drive to win, this desire to achieve. This is true since I was a kid, when I was working in the federal government and so much so in J&G. My first job in our company was on Tinian. I was 12 and my work entailed feeding the pigs and riding around them. My father made us get used to the physical work so that mental business sense will follow."

"All of us had to earn the right to work in the business. There is no sense of entitlement because we are not working for convenience but we run the company to be No.1."

As the highest-ranking executive of J&G, Jones is responsible for acting as the main point of communication between management and corporate operations.

"One of the challenges I face as the leader is communicating the goal[s] to the team in a way that they will get excited and enthusiastic. Robert Browning said 'a man's reach should exceed his grasp.' To me, it means achieve anything worthwhile. I always think 'what can we do more that is achievable, measureable, and will go beyond expectations?' We are fortunate we have talented, ambitious, and hardworking people in the team. I have to make sure we are headed in the same direction."

"My team inspires me. Like a mother to a cub, I am protective of them. I recognize how hard they work, their dedication and the sacrifices they make. Every person in the team counts, from our delivery driver to management. The team makes me think I cannot be overwhelmed with work and to add one thing at a time. Then there's my faith. I think of my hard work as an offering to God. He strengthens me."

Jones is a wife and a mother of two children. She finds the right work-life balance even with her busy schedule.

"My 'me' time is my work. The other part is that I have a caring spouse, who is very affectionate, which makes our household more warm and loving. I love my children. They mean the world to me. We are family oriented so once in a while, the clan would have get-togethers, share some laughs, similar values and be in an environment where everything flows naturally."

"The last book I read was *The Museum Of Innocence* by Turkish author Orhan Pamuk. It basically tells you what not to do in life. It's about the tragedy of superficial love and devastating self-intelligence set in Istanbul. It was a smart and humorous read."

Jones credits the support of her husband, family, and team for her achievements.



Ramona L. Jones, CEO of Jones & Guerrero Inc., center, with some of the women in her team. "My team inspires me. Every person in our corporation counts."





Saipan Locations: Tanapag Middle School Garapan Elementary School Oleai Elementary School Kagman High School WSR Elementary School Koblerville Elementary School

**Tinian Location** Tinian Junior Senior High School

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# 2nd alleged suspect in Navy Hill burglary falls

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Police arrested on Tuesday morning the second of two women who allegedly ransacked some rooms at an apartment on Navy Hill.

Johnalyn Yolanda Pangelinan Salinas, 34, was served with an arrest warrant on Navy Hill on charges of burglary and theft. Her bail was set at \$20,000 cash; preliminary hearing is on June 8 at 9am. Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit was appointed as counsel for Salinas.

Assistant attorney general Teri Tenorio told the court that they are going to consolidate Salinas' case with that of her co-defendant, Laarad Aldan Ramangmou.

Ramangmou, 22, was arrested last Monday on the same charges. She has allegedly confessed and identified Salinas as her partner in crime. She has been in detention for failing to post a \$20,000 cash bail.

The incident was caught on camera.

According to police detective Daniel T. Joab, a police officer was dispatched last May 22 to Blue Hill Apartment on Navy Hill, where some rooms had been burglarized.

A woman, who was among the victims, told the responding officer that when she woke up a day before, May 21, she noticed that her yellow bag was missing some items.

The following day, the woman said, she noticed that even her guitar, which was in a case, was also gone.

When she asked her roommates about her missing items, she found out that they also lost some items.

Police said aside from the guitar, the woman lost dresses, shoes, shirts, sunglasses, identification cards, and bags, all worth \$900.

Police learned that also stolen from other victims were cellphones, a laptop, passport, wallet, identification cards, \$5,900 worth of Chinese currency, and \$510 cash. The report did not indicate how many were victimized.

Police then reviewed the apartment's surveillance footage and identified Salinas and Ramangmou as the persons who allegedly burglarized the rooms.

# Company, trader sue Chinese national

A limited liability company owned by a British Virgin Islands corporation and a businessman from Singapore are suing a Chinese national who allegedly failed to pay \$1.5 million, the remaining price for properties on Mt. Tapochau and four vehicles.

Angel Villa LLC and Sergey Tkachev, through counsel Daniel T. Guidotti, are suing Zhao Jian Zhong for breach of contract before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Angel Villa and Tkachev asked the court to declare Zhao in breach of their purchase agreement and to terminate the agreement.

The plaintiffs requested the court to award them with money sufficient to compensate their out-of-pocket expenses, plus attorney's fees and court costs.

The plaintiffs also asked the court to order Zhou to release the \$100,000 initial deposit from Security Title.

According to Guidotti, Angel Villa has its principal place of business in the CNMI. Angel Villa's sole member is Treasure Hut Holdings, a British Virgin Islands corporation, he said.

The lawyer said Tkachev resided in the Republic of Singapore and is a citizen of Antiqua and Barbuda.

Guidotti said Angel Villa is the leasehold owner of two tracts of land (properties), both situated on Mt. Tapochau.

He said that in 2016, Zhao approached Angel Villa and Tkachev about buying the properties and four vehicles owned by Tkachev.

Before the parties entered into a written agreement, Zhao, Angel Villa, and Tkachev directed Security Title Inc. to open an escrow account regarding Zhao's proposed purchase of the properties.

Security Title opened an escrow account, where Zhao then deposited \$100,000 via cashier's check as initial deposit on July 14, 2016.

Guidotti said that effective Oct. 3, 2016, Zhao entered into an agreement to purchase the properties from Angel Villa together with four vehicles owned by Tkachev.

In exchange for the properties and the vehicles, Zhao allegedly promised to pay Angel Villa and Tkachev \$1,742,500.

As part of the deal, Zhao allegedly promised to make a non-refundable initial deposit of \$100,000 to Security Title.

Guidotti said Zhao promised to deliver \$1,642,500 to Security Title on or before Nov. 2, 2016.

As Zhao failed to deliver the \$1.6 million, the plaintiffs sent him a notice of default on Nov. 14, 2016.

Guidotti said that effective Nov. 30, 2016, Zhao and the plaintiffs modified the agreement, with the plaintiffs promising to extend the closing date of July 3, 2017, convey title to three of Tkachev's vehicles to Zhao, and reduce the purchase price by \$100,000. In return, Zhao allegedly promised to pay \$100,000 to Angel Villa and Tkachev.

Guidotti said that because Zhao paid \$100,000 to plaintiffs, the closing date was extended to Jan. 3, 2017.

The lawyer said as of May 26, 2017, Zhao has not delivered the remainder of the purchase price, \$1,542,500, to Security Title.

Guidotti said Zhao's unjustified failure to pay \$1.5 million to Security Title to close under the agreement on or before Jan. 3, 2017, has prevented Angel Villa from selling the properties to third parties.

In addition, plaintiffs asked Zhao to release the \$100,000 initial deposit from Security Title, but Zhao allegedly refused. (Ferdie de la Torre)

# Taste'ends with contest winners

By ERWIN ENCINARES

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Taste of the Marianas ended last week with the announcement of the winners of multiple contests held throughout the festival.

Soon after the final night of the festival opened, the winners of the 2017 Tourism Month Graphic Art Design Contest were announced.

The contest, which was open to both public and private school students from 6th to 12th grade, garnered the participation of 23 contestants.

Carrie Pangelinan won first place with her picture of

Obvan Beach, earning her \$150 and \$150 worth of Taste of the Marianas tokens. Krvzna Parungao bagged second with a picture of the Coral Ocean Golf & Resort, earning her \$100 and \$100 in tokens, while Louisie Zheng Li placed third for her submission of Ladder Beach, earning her \$50 in both cash and tokens.

Fourth and fifth place recipients were Kennedy Vila and Timothy Retirado, respectively, who earned \$25 and \$25 in tokens each for their submission of Suicide Cliff.

D'Elegance Café won the booth design contest, earning it free booth space at the 20th Taste of the Marianas next year. Coming in second place

was Mariana Resort and Spa, who received a 75-percent discount in booth fees for the next Taste, while third place Kanoa Resort and fourth place Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan received a 50-percent and 25-percent discount in booth fees, respectively, for next year's Taste.

MVA managing director Chris Concepcion was pleased with the outcome of the festival, stating that this year's festival is record breaking and exceeded past year's token

"We are extremely pleased with the turnout and the crowd has been overwhelming [for this year]," he said.

# Interior provides grant funding to A. Samoa

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Acting assistant secretary Nikolao Pula made available yesterday \$212,800 in technical assistance funding from the Office of Insular Affairs to support three initiatives supported by American Samoa Gov. Lolo Moliga that will

improve critical health care

services in the territory.

"We are pleased to support the Governor in improving responsiveness to critical health care needs for the residents," said Pula. "With the limited healthcare that exists on the island, we must help patients gain access to more advanced treatment while

# Rhyoo, Sim and Santos lead the 2017 graduating class of MBA

DA HWAN (DANEE) RHYOO

High School Valedictorian

HYANGGI (AMY) SIM

High School Salutatorian

By BEA CABRERA

REPORTER

Nine middle school students of Marianas Baptist Academy are on their way to higher grade levels after the school held its commencement exercise at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center yesterday.

Middle school valedictorian Victoria Nicole M. Santos hopes to get into Stanford for college so she can take up medicine.

The school's high graduates school also had their commencement exercise yesterday, with 16 high school students getting their diplomas.

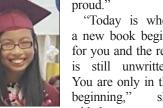
High school valedictorian Da Hwan (Danee) Rhyoo is set to take up Economics at Korea University in Seoul, while high school salutato-

rian Hyanggi (Amy) Sim is set to take up Engineering at Baylor University in Texas.

School principal Gospel J. Trinidad, "Pastor T" to his students, said, "We want our

think with a sound mind, critically and humbly doing what is right and proper based on the biblical principles that we have been teaching for these many years. ...This is stated clearly in the tenets of Marianas Baptist Academy.'

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**VICTORIA NICOLE** M. SANTOS High Middle School

Valedictorian

students to be active and to

Dolores Drew from the Office of the Governor encouraged the graduates to work harder, "enough to make to make everyone

"Today is when a new book begins for you and the rest is still unwritten. You are only in the added.

school graduate and class president Katrina

Anne A. Reyes was presented with the Leadership Award and Principal's List award.

# DFEMS strike teams battling brush fires

grass fires

expected

until early

**August** 

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

With brush fire season expected to last until late July or first week of August, the Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services has

created strike teams that will battle these >>> More annual scourges.

DFEMS Commissioner Claudio K. Norita said they expect brush fires to happen not only on Saipan but also on Tinian

and Rota. "Everyday our strike teams are on duty," said Norita Tuesday.

DFEMS has been busy battling the brush fires that have been hitting the CNMI this summer. "I want to attribute that to heat, the temperature. If you look at our grass over the mountains and in the valleys, they are very dry. So we

really appreciate the rain that is coming down," he said.

Norita disclosed that by next week, by June 8 or 9, their brush fire truck for Tinian is coming in.

He said the truck was purchased using a community

development block grant.

Norita advised the people to, among other things, get rid or dead wood and grass surrounding their homes.

DFEMS is coming out this week with educational posters and TV commercials on how to deal with grass fires.

For five days starting last Thursday, seven brush fires hit the CNMI mostly on Saipan, destroying several acres of vegetation. Fortunately, no one was injured and no house has gone up in flames.

also ensuring efficiency of treatment on island."

The projects funded from FY2017 OIA Technical Assistance Funds are as follows:

■ Cancer Patient Navigator Program - \$108,320 is provided to the American Samoa Cancer Coalition to assess and modify the community-based Patient Navigation System which will be implemented through the Lyndon Baines Johnson Tropical Medical Center to improve access and guidance in cancer treatment healthcare for affected American Samoa residents. Currently, there is a lack of coordination in the territory for proper diagnosis and treatment once a patient has received a suspicious clinical finding indicative of cancer. Patients beginning their fight against cancer in the territory are without proper support and guidance to seek and navigate advanced cancer treatments in the more complex and expensive healthcare systems off-island.

**■** Comprehensive Clinical Documentation Improvement Initiative

**\$80,200** is provided to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Tropical Medical Center to improve clinical charting and documentation amongst physicians, medical coders and billers to improve patient safety outcomes, accountability, clinical preparedness, billing procedures, and overall quality of patient care. This funding is provided as a follow-up on recommendations provided through a Physician Assessment and Clinical Education program conducted by the University of California, San Diego, and Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services facility surveys conducted in the territory.

■ Surgical Wound Care and Certified Hyperbaric Technological Training -\$24,280 is funded to the Lyndon Baines Johnson Tropical Medical Center to provide for professional training and workforce development and capacity building of the local medical professional workforce, particularly in surgical wound care and certified hyperbaric therapy. Given the rising increase of incidences of diabetes, obesity and vascular diseases in American Samoa, this funding supports the growing need for improved and enhanced strategies to manage wound care on the island. (OIA)













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# SSHS' Reynafe Aniga is 2017 MTEC scholar

Graduating senior Reynafe Aniga of Saipan Southern High School is the recipient of this year's Marianas Tourism Education Council scholarship.

Aniga was chosen based on her involvement with her school's MY WAVE Club, community service, general point average, essay, and her MY WAVE Club adviser's recommendation. She was presented her \$1,000 scholarship by MTEC on May 24, 2017, during the school's awards ceremony.

"I am humbled and glad that I am a recipient of this scholarship!" said Aniga, who plans to study hospitality management at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "I was able to discover



Marianas Tourism Education Council scholar Reynafe Aniga receives a \$1,000 scholarship on May 24, 2017, at Saipan Southern High School. Pictured from left are MTEC board member Glenn Policare, MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, Aniga, and MTEC board member Larry Lee.

my interest in the hospitality field because of the many opportunities the club provided. By attending [MTEC's] tourism summit, I learned that it offers such a wide array of

career choices, ranging from travel and leisure, to hotel and lodging to restaurant service. Personally, I think that in this field you will never be bored."

After attaining her degree, Aniga plans to pursue her interests in travel and international business.

"There's always room to improve, to level-up in management, and opportunities to travel. I dislike the idea of routine," she said. "The MY WAVE Club allowed me to develop important skills such as organization, time management, and teamwork. Because the club is active in various events such as beach cleanups, tourist greets, and annual summits, it is required of me to ensure I dedicate just enough

time for both the club and my classes. I believe that the hospitality industry will teach me something new every day and strengthen my skills in many different ways."

What words of encouragement does she offer other students? "Don't be afraid to join in something new. Whether it's the MY WAVE Club or another club you find interest in, try it out! Even if it's something you think you'd never do, do it anyway. You might discover a whole new part of you that you never knew existed. Extracurricular will really help you discover who you are in high school. In the classroom, you learn about the world. In extracurricular, you learn about yourself."

Aniga was also named Manta Ray of the Year at the awards ceremony. (PR)

# Pangelinan tops tourism graphic art design contest



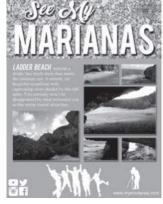
The Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council award student winners of the 2017 Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Arts Design Contest on May 27, 2017, at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. Winners from left are Timothy Retirado, fifth place; Kennedy Vila, fourth place; Louise Zheng Li, third place; Kryzha Parungao (photo held by MTEC board member Wendi Herring), second place; and Carrie Pangelinan, first place. Also pictured are MTEC chair Vicky Benavente, MTEC board members Glenn Policare and Gordon Marciano, MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres, and MVA Community Projects coordinator Martin Duenas.



Second place entry by Kryzha Parungao in the Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council.

"Obyan Beach is located on the southern tip of Saipan. This hidden oasis, protected by Naftan Point, is a favorite to locals, tourists, and beach enthusiasts. The calm waters are perfect for snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, or for a short swim."

This description and a well-designed graphic art layout won Carrie Pangelinan first place in the Tourism Month 2017 Graphic Arts Design Contest titled "See My Marianas," jointly held by the Marianas Visitors Authority

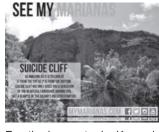


Third place entry by Louise Zheng Li in the Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council.

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Pangelinan and four other top winners from among CNMI students in grades 6-12 were recognized on May 27 at the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden.

"The 'See My Marianas' Graphic Art Design Contest



Fourth place entry by Kennedy Vila in the Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council.

was an overall great experience," said Pangelinan. "It was an opportunity for us, the youth, to really get a glimpse of what the islands have to offer."

Other winners were Kryzha Parungao on Coral Ocean Golf & Resort, second place; Louise Zheng Li on Ladder Beach, third place; Kennedy Vila on Suicide Cliff, fourth place; and Timothy Retirado on Suicide Cliff, fifth place.

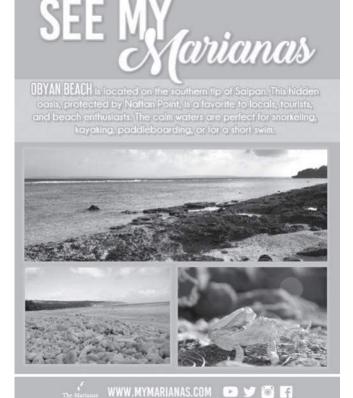
"I think it was quite amaz-



Fifth place entry by Timothy Retirado in the Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority and Marianas Tourism Education Council.

ing to see such an opportunity to use my photography in such a competition," said Vila, of Marianas High School. "It helped me incorporate and improve my graphic design skills and sort of gauge how well I compare with others. Overall, it was a great experience."

"Everything is beautiful in its own way. Anything can be



First place entry by Carrie Pangelinan in the Tourism Month "See My Marianas" Graphic Art Design Contest organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

a part of beauty," said Retirado. Submissions were required to be an original digital de-

to be an original digital design with the words "See My Marianas" featuring a site/location in the Marianas that the artist would encourage people to visit. Entries include the name of the site/location, and brief one-to-four sentence description of the site, and the following: www.mymarianas,com and icons of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

"This year our staff had the idea to do a contest for Tourism Month that would allow students with visual and artistic design skills a greater opportunity to express their ideas about the Marianas," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Our winners have cleverly demonstrated how 'Tourism is Everybody's Business' by doing their own mini-promotional flyers, which the MVA

is proud to share on our social media platforms with potential visitors."

Prizes were \$150 cash plus \$150 Taste tokens for first place, with additional cash and token prizes for second to fifth place.

"Wow, some of these entries were impressive...very well executed and inviting," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "This contest shows there's a lot of graphic design skill among our young students and we hope this contest will plant a seed on how they can use their talent in the tourism industry and in promoting the Marianas, even while they're still in school."

Benavente also acknowledged MTEC board members Catherine Perry Harris, Larry Lee, and Wendi Herring and MVA Community Projects assistant Demalyn Pagarao for contest coordination and judging. (MVA)

# CAO to host summer camp this month

The Carolinian Affairs Office will host a summer camp for children ages 8 to 13 years old, from June 5 to June 23, across the Bank of Guam on Beach Road in Garapan. The camp will be held from Monday to Friday only, from

7:30am to 11:30am.

Daily activities will focus on traditional ways and practices. That includes coconut husking and grinding, making of coconut oil, food preparation, rope making, coconut leaf weaving, *mwar* making, beads making,

singing and dancing and other fun activities.

Only 30 seats are available, so it's first come, first serve. Registration form available at CAO. Please contact 234-6385 for more information. (Saipan Tribune)

# CW issue on focus at SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter will have a special meeting this Friday, June 2, 2017, with former Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Alex Sablan as guest speaker.

Sablan, a member of the Governor's Strategic Economic Development Council, will be speaking in view of the announcement by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that the foreign worker cap for the CNMI has been reached for fiscal year 2018.

Sablan will brief SHRM members on the CNMI government's efforts to preserve the CW visa program and what SHRM can do as an organization to assist in the CNMI government's efforts.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret on Friday, June 2, 2017, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers and HR professionals and staff to better understand the issues surrounding the CW visa program.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet a \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at email at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867.

For more information about the SHRM NMI Chapter, visit http://nmichapter.shrm.org. (*PR*)



### **WELCOME TO SAIPAN**

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Kinji Shinoda, who heads the Consular Office of Japan on Saipan, recently met with Northern Marianas College president Dr. Carmen Fernandez to discuss a variety of issues. Shinoda began his two-year diplomatic assignment in the CNMI earlier this month. His previous assignment was in Denmark.

# **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

# One-day Task & Management training

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Island Training Solutions invites the public to a Task & Time Management seminar on Thursday, June 15, from 9am to 12pm at the Chamber's conference room at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315. The training will help you design a personal time management system that works best for you and your team. It will help you establish goals, communicate effectively, and meet deadlines, attain skills to balance home and work and learn effective techniques to increase productivity. Training fee is \$50 for Chamber member and \$55 fore non-member. Seats are limited. For more information call 234-7150 or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)

### Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 today, May 31, from noon to 3pm. The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de

Medinilla on June 1, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, and on June 2, from 7:30am to noon.

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 begins south of Guam and extends southsouthwest in international waters. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

# Cancer survivors invited to Sunday events

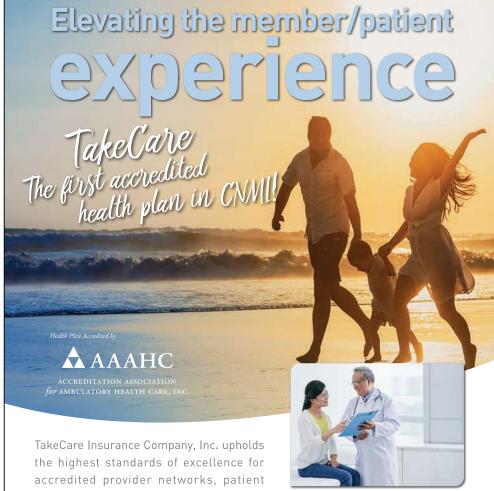
The Commonwealth Cancer Association and the CHCC Comprehensive Cancer Control Program are inviting all people facing cancer to a "Celebration of Life" Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2017, 8am, at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, and the Cancer Survivors Summit Gala, also on Sunday, June 4, 2017, from 11am to 2pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan SandCastle. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (*PR*)

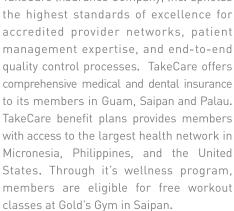


### **DIVE SPOT CLEANUP**

MVA

Volunteers from the Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association clean up Laulau Beach on March 22, 2017, collecting several bags of trash and recyclable material. NMDOA and the Marianas Visitors Authority jointly adopted the popular dive spot several years ago and conduct quarterly cleanups at the cite.





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# **EDITORIAL**

# Trump's disdain for Germany, NATO allies won't help US

erman Chancellor Angela Merkel's pithy observation on Sunday that Europeans "really must take our fate into our own hands" following President Donald Trump's first visit to Europe last week may prove a blip in history. Likewise, French President Emmanuel Macron's description of his odd, intense handshake with Trump in Brussels as a successful demonstration he wouldn't be intimidated by a U.S. leader he likened to Russian dictator Vladimir Putin and the increasingly dictatorial Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan may be quickly forgotten. It's important to remember that Trump's top foreign policy and national security posts are held by people with traditional views about the value of America's age-old allies.

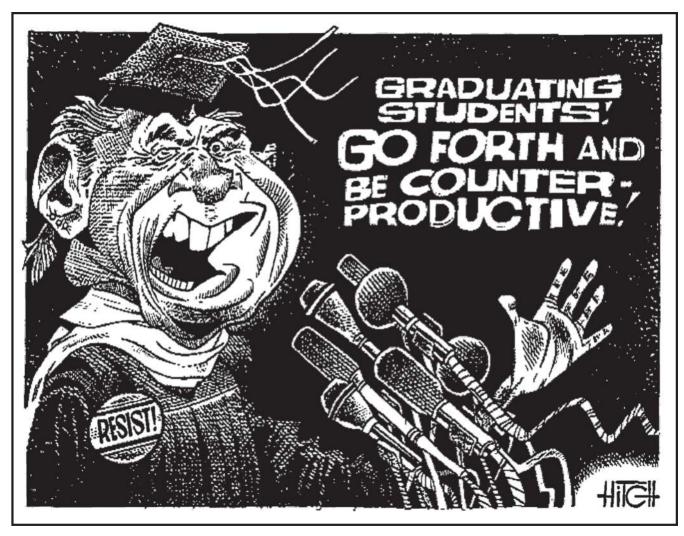
But it is also possible that Merkel's comment may mark the beginning of the unraveling of the largest, most powerful and most successful alliance in world history: the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, formed in 1949 by the United States, Canada and 10 European nations in recognition of the threat they jointly faced from the Soviet Union. Now 28 nations strong, NATO can point to a long list of accomplishments: mostly successfully containing Moscow's trouble-making; ending the deadly Balkan wars in the 1990s; working jointly to address international threats; and bringing stability and prosperity to North America and to much of Europe, a continent ravaged twice in the span of 30 years by world wars.

Yes, the president is correct when he says most other members of NATO don't spend enough on their own defense and many are free riders on U.S. military might. Previous presidents have said as much for decades. But NATO is no parasite. The United States has benefited immensely from the sturdy security it has brought to the world. Soldiers from NATO member nations have been instrumental in various U.S.-led military actions. All NATO nations are partners in the U.S-led coalition against the Islamic State. And the mutual-defense pact that was key to NATO's founding remains crucial to U.S. interests.

"NATO essentially says to every American: You won't have to fight alone," U.S. Ambassador to NATO Douglas Lute told The New Yorker last year. "That gives America the great confidence that it will always be able to operate in a multinational setting with diverse allies that not only bring military capacity but also political weight to whatever security challenge it faces."

This is not a view that Trump seems to grasp. In linking his grievances over NATO members' military spending to his grievances over the U.S. trade deficit with Germany \_ as he did broadly on the campaign trail and as he did again last week bluntly to Merkel \_ the president casts U.S. relationships with other nations as zero-sum games in which there are only winners and losers. In tweeting complaints about Germany on Tuesday in apparent response to Merkel's

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# Increasingly isolated Trump is president without a party

By WALTER SHAPIRO

CQ-ROLL CALL

around the knotty question of how to cover Donald Trump's tweets.

There is a case that these 140-character eruptions force reporters to chase irrelevancies such as Trump's fact-free claim that he really won the popular vote "if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally." But you can also argue that anything like Twitter that provides an unfiltered window into the mind of a president deserves to be scrutinized as much as a staff-written speech read off a Teleprompter.

ntire journalism school courses can be constructed

I am a strong believer in the value of taking Twitter tours of Trump's psyche. Which is why I was intrigued by Trump's Sunday torrent of did-you-miss-me tweets after his return from Europe.

What particularly stood out in policy terms was the president's implicit acknowledgment that the GOP's Obamacare strategy of "repeal and replace" had really become "retreat and regroup."

As Trump put it in a provocative Sunday night tweet, "I suggest that we add more dollars to Healthcare and make it the best anywhere. ObamaCare is dead—the Republicans will do much better!"

The snide interpretation is that Trump had no idea what was in the House health care bill that he so enthusiastically celebrated in the Oval Office. (Spoiler alert: The Congressional Budget Office says that 23 million Americans would be left without health insurance coverage over the next 10 years.) And supposedly Trump failed to notice that his budget calls for more than \$800 billion in future cuts to Medicaid.

But there is also a more benign theory about what motivated this tweet. A flailing Trump has become desperate for a legislative victory on health care. And belatedly, the president realizes that he needs moderate Democratic votes in Congress for any revision of Obamacare and is willing to put money on the table in hopes of getting it.

There are practical problems with this approach, especially because the Russians took the "reset button" with them when they were in the Oval Office. White House hopes for Democratic cooperation vanished somewhere between the angry Inaugural Address and the first Muslim ban executive order. These days,

the Democratic base would probably rebel even if Trump called for single-payer health insurance under Medicare.

This tweet also illustrates Trump's deeper problem on Capitol Hill— he is a president without a party.

There is scant evidence that Trump has strong beliefs about health care other than the memory of the cheers that he received at every campaign rally when he denounced Obamacare. And as a real estate negotiator who prized flexibility, Trump learned that if one set of bankers was unrelenting then you would try to cut a deal with a rival group.

Alas, as Trump is discovering, it doesn't work like that in Congress. Republicans— whether they hail from the business or Tea Party branches of the party— have no interest in rewriting the Obamacare replacement bill to make it more generous than the original legislation. For, in case you haven't noticed, there is not a Bernie Sanders wing of the GOP.

This reality highlights the loneliness of a president who won the White House through a cult of personality. There are Trump Republicans who passionately support the president on immigration and trade. But when it comes to lavishing federal money on health care and infrastructure, Trump suddenly becomes reduced to a party of one.

It is hard to find supporters of the free-spending side of the Trump persona even in the White House, unless you cling to the fantasy that Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump are closet liberals. Mike Pence and Reince Priebus are the embodiment of business Republicans and Steve Bannon appears far more interested in muscular America First nationalism than the details of domestic policy.

That is why cutting taxes represents the rally-around-the-flag issue that unites Trump with his adopted political party. Even though the Trump tax plan can fit on a single page and there is no legislation in Congress, the exuberant president tweeted Sunday night: "The massive TAX CUTS/REFORM that I have submitted is moving along in the process very well, actually ahead of schedule. Big benefits to all!"

Among the biggest beneficiaries of "massive TAX CUTS/TAX REFORM" would presumably be a secretive taxpayer named Trump and definitely an in-your-face president named Trump. But when it comes time to actually craft a bill, Trump may find himself at odds with Republicans who nostalgically still worship at the shrine of a balanced budget.

Nothing in Trump's life history (especially his four bankruptcies) suggests that this is a man unduly worried about debt. Yes, the president's slash-and-burn budget plays arithmetic games to achieve the myth of eventual balance, but that probably reflects hardline OMB Director Mick Mulvaney rather than Trump himself.

In theory, a president with Trump's background and attitudes might have governed as a quirky centrist politician. Such a leader

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# Telecommunications access for people with disabilities

### THE CONSUMER CAUTION CORNER

By MICHAEL J. CYGANEK SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

his week, the Office of the Attorney General's "Consumer Caution Corner" outlines the Federal Communications Commission's guidance on how people with disabilities can access telecommunications services.

FCC rules (under Section 255 of the Communications Act) require telecommunications equipment manufacturers and service providers to make their products and services accessible to people with disabilities, if such access is readily achievable. Where access is not readily achievable, manufacturers and service providers must make their devices and services compatible with peripheral devices and specialized customer premises equipment that are commonly used by people with disabilities, if such compatibility is readily achievable.

### **Products and services covered under FCC Rules**

- home or office hardware/software telephone network and telecommunications equipment. For example: telephones, wireless handsets, fax machines, answering machines, etc.
- basic and special telecommunications services. For example: telephone calls, call waiting, speed dialing, call forwarding, computer-provided directory assistance, call monitoring, caller ID, call tracing, voice mail, etc.

### **FCC's Standards: Definitions and Examples**

**Accessible:** A product or service is deemed accessible if it provides consumers with accessible input, control, and mechanical functions, as well as accessible output, display, and control functions.

■ For example: a pager that has both audio and visual controls for inputting information, as well as both audio and visual methods for retrieving messages, would be accessible to a person who

**Usable:** For a product or service to be usable, people with disabilities must be able to learn about and operate the product or service's features effectively.

■ For example: this requires providing access to information and documentation for the product or service (e.g., instructions, user guides, support services – technical support, repair services, bill services, etc.).

**Compatible:** The FCC requires that, where accessibility is not readily achievable, a product or service must be made compatible with peripheral devices or specialized equipment, if compatibility is readily achievable.

■ Peripheral Devices: are devices that help make telecommunications products and services accessible to individuals with disabilities (e.g., teletypewriters [TTYs], visual signaling devices, and amplifiers).

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would have been generous in domestic policy, aggressive in rebuilding the nation's infrastructure and bold in embracing true tax reform while still appealing to his base on immigration and trade.

But Trump lacked the attention span, the knowledge and the self-discipline to play that potentially transformative role in American politics. Instead, he remains increasingly isolated in the White House with only his Twitter feed for company.

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questions about U.S. reliability, Trump casts the U.S. not as the world's policeman but as its most temperamental bully.

In December, The Washington Post columnist David Ignatius wrote that Trump's unpredictability could at times benefit the U.S. in its dealings with other nations. That may be true with U.S. adversaries like Iran and North Korea, if it is linked to a strategic vision. Yet it is hard to fathom how the president's unpredictability helps with America's traditional allies. This is especially so when the trait seems driven not by strategy but by vengeful whim \_ and by a desire to always have the last word.

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**STEP #1:** Contact manufacturers and service providers about access concerns?

Although not required to do so, you may want to contact a manufacturer or service provider before filing a complaint with the FCC. Telecommunications service providers and equipment manufacturers must provide the FCC with the name and contact information of the person (or persons) in their companies who are authorized to resolve accessibility complaints. You can find this contact information on: (i) the FCC's website at http://apps. fcc.gov/rccci-search/; (ii) by sending an email to dro@fcc.gov; or (iii) by calling 202-418-2517 (voice) or 202-418-2922 (TTY).

### STEP #2: File an FCC complaint

- Step 2A: Before an informal complaint can be filed, consumers with disabilities (or their representatives) must request assistance from the FCC Disability Rights Office. The Disability Rights Office will work with the consumer and the company for at least 30 days to try to resolve the accessibility problem.
- **Step 2B:** The best way to provide the information that the Disability Rights Office needs to assist you, is to complete the Request for Dispute Assistance (RDA form) online at https:// esupport.fcc.gov/ccmsforms/RDAformEnglish. You may also download or print the RDA form at http://transition.fcc.gov/ cgb/consumerfacts/FormRDA.pdf. If you use the latter method, complete and submit your downloaded/printed request and any supporting documentation to the Disability Rights Office by email to dro@fcc.gov, by fax to 202-418-0037, or by mail to:

Federal Communications Commission

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau

Disability Rights Office

445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

■ **Step 2C:** If you are unable to obtain or use an RDA form,

your request for assistance should include the following: your name, address, telephone number, and email address if communication by telephone or email is not accessible to you, your preferred method of communication the name of the manufacturer or service provider the type of device, model number, and any software involved when you purchased, acquired, or used (or tried to purchase, acquire, or use) the service or equipment when you became aware of the accessibility problem the way the service or equipment is not accessible to or usable by you if you contacted the company about your accessibility problem, how the company responded what you want the company to do to resolve your accessibility problem any other information or documentation you think may help describe or resolve your accessibility problem

After completing Step 2, your Request for Dispute Assistance will be assigned a case number. If your accessibility problem is not resolved in 30 days, you have two choices: (i) you may request an additional 30 days for assistance to try to resolve your accessibility problem; or (ii) you may file an informal complaint about the accessibility problem with the FCC Enforcement Bureau.

Each week, the OAG's Consumer Protection Education Program shares FTC and/or FCC publications that provide consumers and businesses with the "know-how" to identify and protect themselves from unfair trade practices and marketplace schemes. If you would like to file a Consumer Complaint, please pick up a form at the OAG (on Capital Hill) or request one by email from consumer counsel@cnmioag.org. After completing the consumer complaint, please submit it by email

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# Trump just keeps getting better

**ASHINGTON**—Big news! Fake news is out. I was at a grocery store the other day and saw a

blazing tabloid headline proclaiming Hillary (ran for president in 2016) and her friend Huma had left the country on a private jet to escape from being held responsible for Benghazi. The pictures of them on a plane were so fake, it was laugh-out-loud ridiculous.

And, according to the clerk, nobody bought a copy all day.

The investigation into Russia's efforts to demoralize U.S. democracy and put Manchurian candidates into top national security posts has grown exponentially in Donald Trump's short tenure as president. Accordingly, Trump (still smarting that Hillary got 3 million more votes than he did) has brought in to deal with the situation a trusted New York lawyer who has made millions and millions of dollars from his prominent client but has no experience in Washington.

The majority of Americans are so disgusted with the clueless guy in the Oval Office that the basic response has been a national shrug.

While out of the country making nice with Saudi Arabia (selling more weapons to the home of the 9/11 terrorists), Israel, the Vatican (he once publicly trashed the pope but now says "he's something"), and NATO (which he once declared obsolete), Trump proposed a budget. It cuts life support for millions of Americans, raises billions of dollars more for war and supports enormous tax cuts for the wealthiest people in America.

Even Republicans said the budget is so preposterous and unrealistic it is dead on arrival.

Before the NATO meeting, leaders were told to keep their speeches short because the new U.S. leader is easily bored and

NATO got the message, but Europe mocked Trump behind his back.

On the other hand:

At the urging of the White House, Senate Republicans are hard at work on a revised plan to take away health care from millions of Americans.

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Also, Trump asked the top intelligence and law enforcement officers of the land to drop their investigation into his campaign associates having frequent, worrisome contacts with top Russian officials. Obstruction of justice drove one president from office. Will it drive another one out? Would a sex scandal be better, causing more distress among the populace than incipient treason?

In the meantime, Trump is remaking government to give much less protection to the environment, to enrich big oil and gas, to shred the social safety net and to empty the Treasury through more debt. By not filling key government posts, he is reducing the effectiveness of federal programs designed to help people. (Real people. Not the millionaires and billionaires whose approval he craves.)

He described Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has waged a bloody drug war without trials, as doing an "unbelievable job." The comment was either a chillingly anti-democratic appraisal or a surprising effort at sophomoric sarcasm.

And why does Trump keep praising Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, a murdering thug who mastered old KGB methods? Why has Trump refused to punish Russia for interfering in our election, instead inviting top Russians into the Oval Office where he vowed he'd get rid of "this Russia thing"?

But, hey. He got through a lot of banquets, hand-shaking photo sessions, and jet lag on his European jaunt. He condemned the heartbreaking terrorist attack against children in Manchester. calling the sick, evil perpetrators "losers," his ultimate putdown.

He did make an error and confirm that, yes, he did divulge classified information from Israel to the Russians during a carefree, laughfilled session in the Oval Office, which he permitted the Russian news agency to film but not American news photographers.

As the White House repeatedly explains, this 70-year-old man is so new to politics, let alone governing, that we have to cut him slack because he's used to getting whatever he wants.

Baby steps, my friends. Baby steps.

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# The Weather

### 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

SATURDAY



isolated showers.

Southeast winds around ▲ 89° ▼78°

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isolated showers

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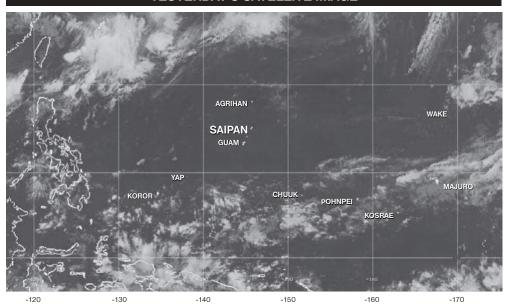
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### YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE

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# PICTURE TIME: 6:53 AM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Look for dry season to continue its iron grip on the Marianas through the forecast period. As mentioned above, the one possible exception is for Guam. If incoming solar radiation is high enough and wind speeds are low enough, we could build scattered showers over the island (particularly the central and western portions) with a slight chance they can build high enough to become thunderstorms. The developing Tropical Upper Tropospheric Trough is positioned south of us, if it was to the north instead it would provide some additional help. Wind speeds are now quite low across a large area, and expected to

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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| Palau         | Thunderstorms | 85   79 °F   |
| Yap           | Thunderstorms | 87   74 °F   |
| Chuuk         | Mostly cloudy | 87   81 °F   |
| Pohnpei       | Thunderstorms | 86   79 °F   |
| Kosrae        | Partly cloudy | 86   80 °F   |
| Majuro        | Thunderstorms | 86   81 °F   |
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| Auckland         | Partly cloudy | 62   52 °F   |
| Beijing          | Thunderstorms | 91   75 °F   |
| Hong Kong        | Thunderstorms | 85   81 °F   |
| Honolulu         | Partly cloudy | 84   73 °F   |
| London           | Partly cloudy | 75   55 °F   |
| Los Angeles      | Partly cloudy | 72   61 °F   |
| Manila           | Thunderstorms | 89   79 °F   |
| Melbourne        | Partly cloudy | 57   40 °F   |
| Miami            | Partly cloudy | 86   78 °F   |
| New York         | Partly cloudy | 71   60 °F   |
| Osaka            | Sunny         | 82   70 °F   |
| Paris            | Partly cloudy | 81   61 °F   |
| Pusan            | Partly cloudy | 84   58 °F   |
| Rome             | Sunny         | 84   59 °F   |
| Salem            | Partly cloudy | 73   55 °F   |
| San Francisco    | Partly cloudy | 64   55 °F   |
| Seoul            | Thunderstorms | 79   56 °F   |
| Tokyo            | Partly cloudy | 76   66 °F   |
| Washington, DC   | Partly cloudy | 80   60 °F   |



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# **Business**

# BA debacle puts spotlight on airlines' old IT systems, cuts

LONDON (AP)—The catastrophic IT failure at British Airways that ruined travel plans for 75,000 people has raised questions about some older airlines' focus on costs to the detriment of investment in new computer systems.

As British Airways resumed full service Tuesday, shares in its parent company, International Airlines Group, dropped 3 percent as investors appeared to worry that the company's quality of service may have been undermined by recent efforts to save money.

Disaster struck on Saturday, when the company's computer systems went down and there was no functioning back-up. The airline cancelled all flights and only managed to resume full service on Tuesday.

"Although cost cutting has been good for the share price in the last year, it will come back to bite IAG if it stops them from doing what they are supposed to do: Fly pas-



sengers to their destinations,"

said Kathleen Brooks, the research director at City Index.

# Men probing Ivanka Trump brand in China arrested, missing

SHANGHAI (AP)—The arrest and disappearance of three labor activists investigating a Chinese company that produces Ivanka Trump-branded shoes in China prompted a call for her brand to cease working with the supplier and raised questions about whether the first family's commercial interests would muddy U.S. leadership on human rights.

The men were working with a U.S. nonprofit to publish a report next month alleging low pay, excessive overtime and possible misuse of student labor, according to China Labor Watch executive director Li Qiang, who lost contact with the investigators over the weekend. China Labor Watch has been exposing poor working conditions at suppliers to some of the world's best-known companies for nearly two decades, but Li said his work has never before attracted this level of scrutiny from China's state security apparatus.

The arrest and disappearances come amid a crackdown on perceived threats to the stability of China's ruling Communist Party, particularly from sources with foreign ties such as China Labor Watch. Faced with rising labor unrest and a slowing economy, Beijing has taken a stern approach to activism in southern China's manufacturing belt and to human rights advocates generally, sparking a wave of critical reports about disappearances, public confessions, forced repatriation and torture in custody.

China Labor Watch's investigation also had an unusual target: a brand owned by the daughter of the president of the United States.

"Ivanka's brand should immediately cease its work with this supplier, and the Trump administration should reverse its current course and confront China on its human rights abuses," Adrienne Watson, spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee, said in a Wednesday email. Ivanka Trump must decide, she added, "whether she can ignore the Chinese government's apparent attempt to silence an investigation into those worker abuses."

Ivanka Trump's lifestyle brand imports most of its merchandise from China, trade data show. She and her father both have extensive trademark portfolios in China, though neither has managed to build up a large retail or real estate presence here. The sister of Jared Kushner, a Trump adviser and husband of Ivanka, travelled to China this past month to court investment from Chinese families for a real estate project in New Jersey.

IAG has been battling tough competition, even as it has faced pressure on its earnings from a weaker pound following Britain's decision to leave the European Union. The company issued a profit warning following the Brexit vote nearly a year ago.

Cost pressures aggravated an already complicated situation. Renewing IT systems is complex, time-consuming and expensive - a factor that prompts many companies to put it off as long as possible, said Loizos Heracleous, a professor of strategy at Warwick Business School.

The problem with IT sys-

tems is recurring across the industry, particularly among established airlines. In August, Delta Air lines cancelled hundreds of flights when a power outage likewise knocked out its computer systems worldwide.

Airlines face challenges with their IT systems also due to linkages across their systems. There's further demand on the system when companies consolidate—as has been the case among airlines since "IT issues get heightened and any vulnerabilities are exposed."

Such troubles give an advantage to newer airlines such as Ryanair, a cost-cutting BA rival that focuses on short haul budget flights.

"The ability to set up an airline from scratch by-passes a lot of the legacy issues, because you can go for state-of-the-art systems," Heracleous said. "Newer airlines can also invest in IT systems that are more easily upgradeable and scaleable. An airline such as Ryanair, that is also financially successful, has more leeway to divert needed resources towards upgrading its IT systems."

Capitalizing on BA's troubles, Ryanair said it had seen "strong bookings" over the weekend. Its Twitter account rubbed salt into the wound with tweets that poked fun and added the hashtag "Should-HaveFlownRyanair."

The company's chief marketing officer, Kenny Jacobs, admitted on the BBC "we had a bit of fun on social media."

'We don't take social media seriously but we do take IT very seriously and that is why we've never had an outage," he told the BBC.

Ryanair posted a 6 percent increase in annual profits Tuesday to 1.3 billion euros (\$1.4 billion) despite "difficult trading conditions," caused by terror attacks in European cities and a sharp decline in the British pound.

# Hat brand Kangol returns jobs to US, finds itself struggling

ADAMSTOWN, Pa.

(AP)—If home is where you hang your hat, Kangol is struggling to afford its pricey new U.S. digs.

When the famous hat brand worn by celebrities like Samuel L. Jackson, Brad Pitt and Gwen Stefani moved into a Pennsylvania factory last year from China, executives with the Bollman Hat Co. billed it as an effort to create U.S. manufacturing jobs.

But as labor costs went up, profits went down. Way down. The 149-year-old company behind Kangol says it's losing money on every kangaroologo cap knitted at its factory in Adamstown, 60 miles west of Philadelphia.

"It has been certainly a bigger challenge than what we could've ever dreamed," said Don Rongione, Bollman's fedora-wearing president and CEO.

The nation's oldest hatmaker expects a relatively quick turnaround once U.S. workers get better at making the popular Kangol caps. But Bollman's early struggles with Kangol help illustrate why the labor-intensive garment industry left the United States in the first place.

Employment is down 85 percent since 1990—the biggest decline of any manufacturing sector—as cost-cutting apparel companies shifted production to Asia in search of cheaper labor. Bollman spends about \$11 an hour per worker in Pennsylvania vs. \$2.60 in China.

So why move?

In an industry where trends come and go quickly, "it's incredibly important to incorporate speed into the delivery of the product," Rongione said.

Other apparel companies are also trying to be more nimble. U.S. apparel production has increased 50 percent since 2009, according to the American Apparel & Footwear Association, as some footwear and clothing makers decided to accept higher labor costs in exchange for greater inventory control and proximity to U.S. customers.

KEEN, for example, began assembling footwear at a plant in Portland, Oregon, in 2010. Sportswear giant Under Armour opened a high-tech facility in Baltimore last year.

"Obviously, if you have a plant in the United States, it's much easier to respond to trends, produce small runs and get product to market really quickly," said Nate Herman, the trade group's senior vice president of supply chain.

Last year, for the first time in decades, the number of manufacturing jobs created by U.S. companies that moved operations back to the nation and by foreign companies investing in America exceeded the number of jobs lost by companies moving overseas, according to the Reshoring

Initiative, a nonprofit set up to bring factory jobs back to the United States.

Yet the U.S. garment industry's production gains also show why President Donald Trump's campaign pledge to return manufacturing jobs to the U.S. could prove difficult. Increased automation is making it cheaper to sew and knit in the U.S. but requires fewer workers. So, even as apparel makers crank out more U.S.made shirts and shoes, the industry is losing more jobs than it's creating. Employment stood at more than 131,000 workers last year, down from a high of 1.4 million in 1973.

Moreover, more than 97 percent of America's wardrobe still comes from abroad.

"It's not going to be what it once was," said Steven Frumkin, of the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. "We're never going to employ as many people because of efficiencies and equipment."

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# Nation

# Trump's use of private cellphone raises security concerns

President Donald Trump has been handing out his cellphone number to world leaders and urging them to call him directly, an unusual invitation that breaks diplomatic protocol and is raising concerns about the security and secrecy of the U.S. commander in chief's communications.

Trump has urged leaders of Canada and Mexico to reach him on his cellphone, according to former and current U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the practice. Of the two, only Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has taken advantage of the offer so far, the officials said.

Trump also exchanged numbers with French Presi-Emmanuel Macron when the two spoke immediately following Macron's victory earlier this month, according to a French official, who would not comment on whether Macron intended to use the line.

All the officials demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to reveal the conversations. Neither the White House nor Trudeau's office responded to requests for comment.

The notion of world leaders calling each other up via cellphone may seem unremarkable in the modern, mobile world. But in the diplomatic arena, where leader-to-leader calls are highly orchestrated affairs, it is another notable breach of protocol for a president who has expressed distrust of official channels. The conversations are doing so," formalities and discipline of diplomacy have been a rough fit for Trump - who, before taking office, was long easily accessible by cellphone and viewed himself as freewheeling, impulsive dealmaker.

Presidents generally place calls on one of several secure phone lines, including those in the White House Situation Room, the Oval Office or the presidential limousine. Even if Trump uses his governmentissued cellphone, his calls are vulnerable to eavesdropping, particularly from foreign governments, national security experts say.

"If you are speaking on an open line, then it's an open line, meaning those who have the ability to monitor those said Derek Chollet, a former Pentagon adviser and National Security Council official now at the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

A president "doesn't carry with him a secure phone," Chollet said. "If someone is trying to spy on you, then everything you're saying, you have to presume that others are listening to it."

The caution is warranted even when dealing with allies. As German Chancellor Angela Merkel's learned in 2013, when a dump of American secrets leaked by Edward Snowden revealed the U.S. was monitoring her cellphone, good relations don't prevent some spycraft between friends

"If you are Macron or the leader of any country and you get the cellphone number of the president of the United States, it's reasonable to assume that they'd hand it right over to their intel service," said Ashley Deeks, a law professor at the University of Virginia who formerly served as the assistant legal adviser for political-military affairs in the U.S. State Department.

The practice opens Trump up to charges of hypocrisy. Throughout last year's presidential campaign, he lambasted Democratic rival Hillary Clinton for using a private email server while she was secretary of state, insisting she

should not be given access to classified information because she would leave it vulnerable to foreign foes.

Presidents' phone calls with world leaders often involve considerable advance planning. State Department and National Security Council officials typically prepare scripted talking points and background on the leader on the other end of the line. Often an informal transcript of the call is made and circulated among a select group - sometimes a small clutch of aides, sometimes a broader group of foreign policy officials. Those records are preserved and archived.

# AP SOURCE:

# Flynn agrees to provide documents to Senate panel

mer National Security Adviser Michael Flynn will provide documents to the Senate intelligence committee as part of its probe into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election, The Associated Press has learned. Flynn's decision Tuesday

WASHINGTON (AP)—For-

came as President Donald Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, rejected a House intelligence committee request for information, and former White House staffer Boris Epshteyn confirmed he has been contacted for information as part of the House investigation.

Meanwhile, Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin sounded similar tones as they criticized the ongoing U.S. scrutiny of Russia's attempts to sway the presidential election.

Flynn's cooperation was the first signal that he and the Senate panel have found common ground. Congressional investigators continue to press for key documents in the ongoing investigation, and the retired lieutenant general is trying to limit damaging disclosures that hostile Democratic lawmakers could use against him.

Flynn had previously invoked his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination in declining an earlier subpoena from the committee, which sought a wide array of documents and information related to his contacts with Russia. Flynn's attornevs had argued the request was too broad and would have required Flynn to turn over information that could have been used against him.

In response, the Senate panel narrowed the scope of its re-



In this Jan. 3, 2017, file photo, Michael Flynn, then - President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for National Security Adviser, arrives at Trump Tower in New York.

quest. It also issued subpoenas seeking records from Flynn's businesses.

One of the businesses, Flynn Intel Group Inc., did consulting work for a Turkish businessman that required Flynn to register with the Justice Department as a foreign agent earlier this year. The other, Flynn Intel Group LLC, was used to accept money from Flynn's paid speeches. Among the payments was more than \$33,000 Flynn received from RT, the Russian state-sponsored television network that U.S. intelligence officials have branded as a propaganda arm of the Kremlin.

to Flynn said he will turn over documents related to the two businesses as well as some personal documents the committee sought in the narrower request. Flynn plans to produce some of the documents by next week, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss Flynn's private interactions with the committee.

While the Senate committee awaits documents from Flynn, Putin and Trump both dismissed the U.S. intelligence community's conclusion that the Kremlin interfered in the 2016

On Tuesday, a person close U.S. presidential election by hacking Democratic emails.

In an interview with French newspaper Le Figaro, Putin reaffirmed his strong denial of Russian involvement in the hacking. The interview was recorded during Putin's Monday trip to Paris and released Tuesday. Putin also said the allegations are "fiction" invented by the Democrats in order to explain their loss.

Trump made a similar claim in a tweet early Tuesday: "Russian officials must be laughing at the U.S. & how a lame excuse for why the Dems lost the election has taken over the Fake News."

# ACROSS THE NATION

### Police: Man with fake gun in custody at **Orlando airport**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)— A former Marine who was armed with a fake gun attempted a "suicide by cop" Tuesday night during a nearly three-hour standoff with police at the Orlando International Airport, authorities said. No one was hurt and no shots were ever fired, but the standoff caused confusion and anxiety among travelers who were uncertain about what was going on. Part of the airport was evacuated as hundreds of officers stormed the area, some with their guns drawn. Michael Wayne Pettigrew, 26, was in "mental distress" when police surrounded him at the rental car area of the airport, authorities said. He pointed what looked like a real gun at officers and himself, authorities said. "Our negotiators did a phenomenal job of talking with the subject for about two hours and finally got him to peacefully surrender," Orlando Police Chief John Mina said. He was being held for a mental evaluation and faces aggravated assault charges. Glorializ Colón Plaza, 20, told the Orlando Sentinel she was just getting off work from Virgin Atlantic airlines when she saw everyone hiding. She got off the elevator and saw the man on the floor near the rental car area. He was screaming, and cops had surrounded him.

### **Unease about white** supremacy grows after Portland stabbings

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)— Unease about white supremacist activity in Portland deepened after the fatal

stabbings of two men who tried to shield young women from an anti-Muslim tirade, and some people worry that the famously tolerant community could see a resurgence of the hostilities that once earned it the nickname "Skinhead City." The attack aboard a light-rail train happened Friday, the first day of Ramadan, the holiest time of the year for Muslims. Authorities say Jeremy Joseph Christian started verbally abusing two young women, including one wearing a hijab. When three men on the train intervened, police say, Christian attacked them, killing two and wounding one. Court documents released Tuesday for the first time mentioned a fourth man who was the first to intervene and was not attacked, but they did not identify him by his full name. Christian, 35, was defiant during his brief initial court appearance Tuesday, shouting: "You call it terrorism, I call it patriotism!" He made repeated outbursts, saying, "You've got no safe place!" and "Death to the enemies of America!" Christian, who faces aggravated murder and other charges, didn't enter a plea. He has been appointed public defenders. Lane Borg, head of the local public defender agency, said the office was "saddened by this tragedy" but urged people to let the justice system take its course. In the probable cause affidavit, prosecutors said video feeds in the back of a patrol car captured Christian saying after his arrest that he had stabbed three people in the neck. His court-appointed attorney, Gregory Scholl, did not immediately return a call for comment.

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# Asia

# Bombing in diplomatic area of Kabul kills 80, wounds scores

Afghanistan (AP)—A massive explosion rocked a highly secure diplomatic area of Kabul on Wednesday morning, killing 80 people and wounding as many as 350, an attack that left a scene of mayhem and destruction and sent a huge plume of smoke over the Afghan capital.

The target of the attack which officials said was a suicide car bombing—was not immediately known, but Ismail Kawasi, spokesman of the public health ministry, said most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children.

It was one of the worst attacks Kabul has seen since the drawdown of foreign forces at the end of 2014.

Associated Press images from the scene showed the German Embassy and several other embassies located in the area heavily damaged in the explosion. It wasn't known if any foreign dip-



Security forces inspect near the site of an explosion where German Embassy is located in Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

# PH vows to save hostages as fight corners militants

MARAWI, **Philippines** (AP)—Philippine authorities have reached out to parties who may be able to talk with Muslim militants in a bid to secure the freedom of hostages in a southern city where a week of fighting has killed 129 people, officials said Wednesday.

Troops have cleared almost 90 percent of Marawi city, where the gunmen linked to the Islamic State group have been fending off government troops since a botched raid to capture a veteran rebel leader triggered a militant siege, said military spokesman Brig. Gen. Restituto Padilla. He said that militant leader Isnilon Hapilon is believed to be still in Marawi.

Padilla said 960 civilians have been rescued, and an estimated 1,000 residents remain trapped in the city. The dead include 89 militants, 19 civilians and 21 government forces, Padilla said.

A video of a Catholic priest taken hostage is being assessed by experts, he added. He said the video seems authentic, but the Rev. Teresito Suganob appeared to be speaking under duress and militants are apparently using the video for propaganda.

In the video, Suganob said he is being held alongside 200 other captives, including children, in what

appeared to be a battlescarred part of Marawi.

"We want to live another day, we want to live another month," Suganob said, standing in front of debris and partially burned buildings. Directing his remarks to Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, he said: "We want to live few years and in your generosity, Mr. president, in your heart, we know you can make something (happen)."

Marawi Bishop Edwin de la Pena confirmed that it was Suganob in the video.

Padilla could not confirm the figure of 200 hostages, saying it may be propaganda. He said there have been efforts to reach out to parties who may conduct back channel talks to help free the hostages. He assured the captives' families that the military is doing its best to keep them safe. He did not elaborate.

"We're not negotiating with terrorists. We're merely working closely with civil organization whose objective is to save more lives," he said.

Padilla said the video indicates the extremists are fighting for survival.

"They are trapped, they are contained," he said. "They are in areas that they will never come out alive unless they surrender."

lomats were among the casualties but Germany and Pakistan said some of their embassy employees and staff were hurt in the explosion.

The explosion took place at the peak of Kabul's rush hour when roads are packed with worktime commuters. It went off close to a busy intersection in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, said Najib Danish, deputy spokesman for the Interior Ministry.

The neighborhood is considered Kabul's safest area, with foreign embassies protected by dozens of 10-foothigh blast walls and government offices, guarded by police and national security forces. The German Embassy, the Foreign Ministry and the Presidential Palace are all in the area, as are the British and the Canadian embassies. The Chinese, Turkish and Iranian embassies are also located there.

Local TV footage showed shocked residents soaked in blood stumbling about, then

being ferried away to hospitals. Passers-by stopped and helped the wounded into their private cars, others congregated outside the nearby Italian-run Emergency Hospital.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast. Both the Taliban and the Islamic State group have staged large-scale attacks in the Afghan capital in the past.

A statement from the Ministry of Interior Affairs says it "condemns in the strongest terms the terrorist attack" that killed so many, including women and children.

"These heinous acts go against the values of humanity as well values of peaceful Afghans," the statement added. "These attacks also demonstrate the extreme level of atrocity by terrorists against innocent civilians."

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani strongly condemned the attack, which came just days into the Muslim holy

month of Ramadan. A statement from his office quoted Ghani as saying that "the terrorists, even in the holy month of Ramadan, the month of goodness, blessing and prayer, are not stopping the killing of our innocent people."

Pakistan also condemned the "terrorist attack in Kabul this morning that has caused loss of precious human lives and injuries to many." Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said "the blast has caused damage to the residences of some Pakistani diplomats and staff, living in the close vicinity, and inflicted minor injuries to some."

The Foreign Ministry in Berlin said it had no immediate information on possible casualties or damage to the German Embassy but was working on trying to get more details from Afghanistan.

Germany has had troops in Afghanistan for 15 years, primarily concentrated in the north in and around Mazar-E-Sharif. They're currently one of the biggest contributors to the NATO-led Resolute Support mission with around 980 soldiers on the ground to support and train Afghan security forces.

Wednesday's explosion was so heavy that more than 50 vehicles were either destroyed or damaged at the site of the attack. "We don't know at this moment what was the target of the attack," said Danish.

Residents described a mushroom cloud over Kabul and windows were shattered in shops, restaurants and other buildings up to a kilometer (half mile) from the blast site.

"There are a large number of casualties, but I don't know how many people are killed or wounded," said an evewitness, Gul Rahim.

Kawasi, the health official, said the wounded were admitted to different Kabul hospitals.

Shortly after the explosion, all roads in Wazir Akbar Khan were blocked off by Afghan security forces and helicopters were deployed over the neighborhood.

Last month, the Afghan Taliban announced the beginning of their spring offensive, promising to build their political base in the country while focusing military assaults on the international coalition and Afghan security forces.

U.S. and Afghan forces have been battling the Taliban insurgency for more than 15 years. The United States now has more than 8,000 troops in Afghanistan, training local forces and conducting counterterrorism operations. In the past year, they have largely concentrated on thwarting a surge of attacks by the Taliban, who have captured key districts, such as Helmand province, which U.S. and British troops had fought bitterly to return to the government.

# Death toll in Sri Lanka mudslides, floods climbs past 200

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—The death toll from mudslides and floods in Sri Lanka has climbed past 200, with 96 others missing, the government said Wednesday.

The Disaster Management Center said that 202 people were confirmed dead. More than 77,000 have been displaced and over 1,500 homes destroyed since rains began swamping

the southern and western areas of the Indian Ocean island nation last Friday.

Sri Lanka's army, navy and air force are continuing relief and rescue efforts, supported by divers and navv personnel who have arrived from India.

The U.N. office in Sri Lanka said 16 hospitals directly affected by floods or landslides have been evacuated

fully or partially.

With an increasing number of displaced people and a lack of space in temporary shelters, many people are at risk of disease, the U.N said. Sri Lanka has seen a significant increase in mosquito-borne dengue fever this year, with more than 125 deaths.

The U.N., Australia, Japan and Pakistan also donated supplies, including water puri-

fication tablets and tents. The United States and China also pledged relief.

Mudslides have become common during Sri Lanka's summer monsoon season as forests across the tropical Indian Ocean island nation have been cleared for export crops such as tea and rubber. A massive landslide a year ago killed more than 100 people in central Sri Lanka.

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# World

# UN chief urges action on climate change as Trump debates

**NEW YORK** (AP)—U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres made an impassioned appeal Tuesday for the world to intensify action to combat climate change and implement the Paris Agreement to limit carbon emissions as President Donald Trump debates whether the U.S. will withdraw from the accord.

Gutteres never mentioned the American leader by name in his speech at New York University's Stern School of Business, his first major address on climate change since taking the reins of the United Nations on Jan. 1. But he said in response to a question afterward that the United Nations believes "it would be important for the U.S. not to leave the Paris agreement."

Even if Trump withdraws, Guterres said, "it's very important for U.S. society as a whole—the cities, the states, the companies, the businesses-to remain engaged."

Trump, who was critical of the deal during his campaign for the presidency, is expected to make an announcement this week on whether the United States will remain a party to the climate accord that his predecessor, Barack Obama, strongly supported and signed.

Nearly 200 nations agreed in 2015 to voluntarily reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As of Tuesday, 147 nations had ratified the Paris Agreement, representing more than 82



percent of global emissions, the U.N. chief said.

Guterres said their pledges to limit the global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius and as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius "are historic—but still do not go nearly far enough to limit temperature rise."

"Commitments so far could still see temperatures rise by 3 degrees or more," he warned. "So we must do our utmost to increase ambition and action until we can bend the emissions curve and slow down global warming."

First, Guterres said he will immediately press for ratification of the Kigali Amendment agreed to in October by nearly 200 nations on limiting the use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)—greenhouse gases far more powerful than carbon dioxide that are deplet-

ing the ozone layer.

Unlike the Paris Agreement, the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is legally binding.

It caps and reduces the use of HFCs in a gradual process starting with action by developed countries in 2019, including the United States, the world's second-worst polluter, and then by over 100 developing countries starting in 2024, including China, the world's top carbon emitter.

Guterres said he will also rally countries to raise the bar on efforts to limit temperature rise and the United Nations system to promote climate action.

"Eighty percent of the world's energy still comes from fossil fuels—oil, gas In this April 3, 2014 file photo giant machines dig for brown coal at the open-cast mining Garzweiler in front of a smoking power plant near the city of Grevenbroich in western Ger-

and coal." Guterres said. "We cannot phase out fossil fuels overnight. We have to engage the energy industry and governments to use fossil fuels as cleanly, sparingly and responsibly as possible, while transforming our energy systems."

He said solar power grew 50 percent last year, with China and the United States in the lead, and in both those countries "new renewable energy jobs now outstrip those created in the oil and gas industries." Major oil producers are also looking to the future and diversifying their economies and even Saudi Arabia has announced plans to install 700 megawatts of solar and wind power, he said.

Guterres also pledged to work with developing countries to mobilize resources to tackle the impact of climate change and strengthen efforts by small island states against "the existential threat" that global warming poses. He said he will strengthen North-South, South-South and other partnerships to implement the Paris Agreement.

# UK police release 3 bomb suspects; Grande to play concert

(AP)—British police say three of the 14 people arrested over the Manchester arena suicide bombing have been released without charge, and the investigation so far has found bomber Salman Abedi acted largely alone as he assembled his deadly device.

Russ Jackson, head of the police Northwest Counterterrorism Unit, said analysis of surveillance camera footage and other evidence had shown that "Abedi himself made most of the purchases of the core components" of the bomb.

"Many of his movements and actions have been carried out alone during the four days from him landing in the country (to) committing this awful attack." Jackson said.

The bombing killed 22 people and injured more than 100 after a show by American singer Ariana Grande at Manchester Arena. Grande announced Tuesday that she and other top stars—including

Justin Bieber, Coldplay and Miley Cyrus—will return to the city to perform at a benefit concert on Sunday.

Meanwhile, police trying to unmask a possible network around Abedi searched a property in Wigan, 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Manchester, briefly evacuating neighbors as the bomb squad was called in.

The house is one of more than a dozen searched in Manchester and beyond since the May 22 attack in an investigation that has involved 1,000 police officers.

Police say Abedi returned to Britain from Libya, his parents' homeland, on May 18. They are trying to re-create his movements before he detonated a bomb hidden in a knapsack at the concert and are trying to track a blue suitcase he was seen with in closed-circuit TV footage.

Jackson said police could not rule out the existence of a wider network around Abedi. Eleven men remain in custody on suspicion of terrorism offenses, but Jackson said three men—a 20-year-old, a 24-year-old and a 37-yearold-were released Tuesday without charge.

The arrested suspects have not been identified or charged. Abedi's older brother Ismail is reported to be among them, and his father and younger brother have been detained in Libva.

Also Tuesday, London's Metropolitan Police said military backup for police, brought in after the bombing, was gradually being reduced now that the U.K.'s official threat level from terrorism had been lowered from "critical" to "severe."

Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said "military personnel will remain in readiness to support the police, should it be necessary.'

Officials also said extra police staffing that had been added to protect public gatherings over the holiday weekend would be reduced.

Palestinian power struggle threatens further Gaza power cuts GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip

(AP)—When Gaza's 2 million residents break their dawnto-dusk fast during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, much of the territory is engulfed by darkness and homes have to rely on generators or batteries for the post-sundown family meals.

Rolling power cuts, a mainstay of life in a decade of Hamas rule in the blockaded Gaza Strip, have never been worse.

Power is only on for four hours at a time, followed by 14 to 18 hours of outage grow even longer amid an escalating struggle for dominance between the Islamic militant Hamas and its West Bank-based rival, the Palestinian Authority of internationally backed President Mahmoud Abbas.

Abbas, whose government pays Israel for the electricity, has stepped up financial pressure on Hamas in recent weeks by threatening to reduce its funding in hopes of forcing his rivals to cede ground.

But in a new twist, Isra-

el's energy minister said he would block any additional electricity cuts until further review. Yuval Steinitz argued that Israel should not be drawn into an internal Palestinian problem, a decision that also effectively shields Hamas, Israel's enemy, against Abbas.

Gaza's residents have adapted to worsening hardships with ingenuity and stoicism.

In some apartment buildings, residents have pooled resources to buy communal generators. Most Gazans buy food daily because they can and the blackouts could no longer use refrigerators. Formerly routine activities such as showering or running a washing machine are done at odd hours, when power is on.

> Gaza City resident Raed Ashour, 31, said he believes the situation is allowed to fester, in part, because people are afraid to speak out. The security forces of the authoritarian Hamas quickly quelled a rare mass protest over the power cuts in January.

"Now we are entering the second or third month of four hours of electricity, yet there is

no sign of public protest," said Ashour, a pharmacist. "It's a political problem."

Gaza resident Wissam Helo, 35, said his pregnant wife cannot leave their 13th floor apartment when power is out because she cannot climb the stairs to get back home. "We are with the president," he said, meaning Abbas, when asked whom he backs in the power struggle.

He said he did not want to say more for fear of repercus-

Gaza hasn't had full-time electricity in more than a decade, largely because of the international isolation of Hamas. Israel and Egypt, which border the coastal strip, imposed a blockade on the territory after Hamas' takeover in 2007. Since 2008, Israel and Hamas have fought three cross-border wars.

Since April, Gaza's power crisis worsened, in part because of Abbas' new strategy. After years of failed reconciliation efforts, he began cutting back Gaza support payments to pressure Hamas. The group says it will not yield.

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# Environment

# Trump talks terrorism while **Europe shouts, 'Climate!'**



U.S. President Donald Trump arrives at EU headquarters ahead of a meeting with European Council President on Thursday, May 25, 2017 as part of the NATO meeting in Brussels, Belgium.

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By FRANCO ORDONEZ

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TAORMINA. Italy—While terrorism may top President Donald Trump's agenda, European leaders keep pressing him on climate change and the environment.

French President Emmanuel Macron worked on Trump during lunch Thursday, urging the U.S. president not to ditch the 196-nation Paris Agreement on climate change before getting on a plane to Sicily, Italy.

"My wish is that the United States takes no hurried decision," Macron said Thursday after meeting with Trump in Brussels.

Trump arrived to this seaside community late Thursday for the Group of Seven con-

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By MAURA DOLAN LOS ANGELES TIMES

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ference where allies will talk about a series of issues from trade to Russia. But Trump's position on the Paris accord — particularly his pledge to leave the accord — is one of the most urgent matters for European leaders, who are committed to keep the Americans involved.

Ever since he left the Middle East, Trump has been reminded how important the issue is to U.S. friends in Europe.

At the Vatican, Pope Francis handed Trump his 181-page encyclical, "Laudato Si" ("Praise Be"), that largely blames man for climate change.

The Paris agreement challenges countries of the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming. The accord, which

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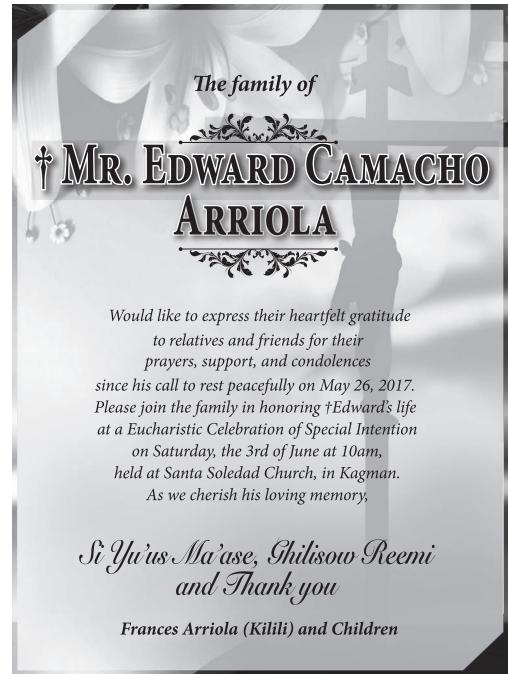
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Senate Democrats joined

the push. In anticipation of the conference, 40 Senate Democrats signed a letter to the president urging him not back out of the international agreement.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told reporters on Air Force One on Wednesday that a decision on the agreement had yet to be made.

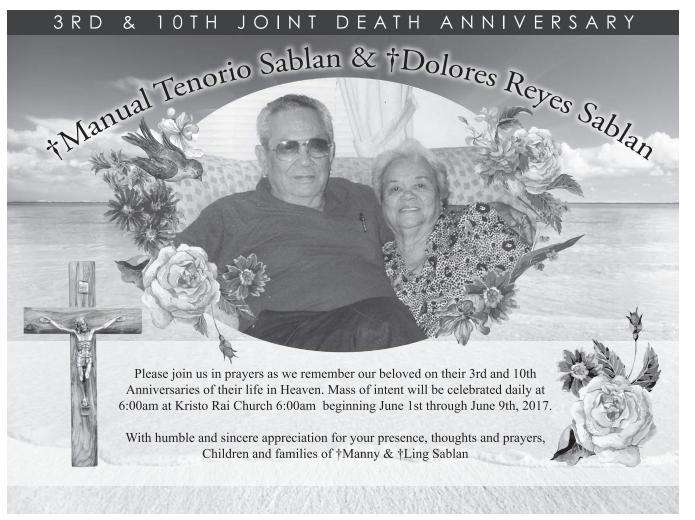




Court judge issued the injunction in 2012, ordering the zoo to exercise is three Asian elephants at least two hours a day on rototilled soil to reduce the

The injunction also banned the use of electric shock and a barbed stick known as a "bull hook"—disciplinary tools the zoo said it wasn't using and

David B. Casselman, a Tarzana lawyer who worked on the case for more than five years without charge, said he would return to trial court to see if there is another way to the ruling.



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# Life & Style

# How 'Wonder Woman' built a world of women, onscreen and off

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In a world of only women, there are no phallic structures.

At least that's how Patty Jenkins imagined the island home of the Amazons and their heroic princess Diana, who grows up to become Wonder Woman.

"Like columns? They didn't make that much sense to me," Jenkins said in a recent interview. "They felt like an imposition on landscape, which didn't feel like something that women are jonesing to do."

As the director of "Wonder Woman," Jenkins is creating new worlds for women both onscreen and off. Not only did she help dream up the look of the Amazon island and hire scores of actresses to serve as its resident warriors, she's the first woman to direct a major superhero movie, and her success could pave the way for others.

As a child, she was inspired by Wonder Woman, describing Lynda Carter's portrayal on TV as "the embodiment of everything that I wanted to be as a woman."

"When I was playing Wonder Woman, I was able to do incredible things and save the world," the 45-year-old filmmaker said.

That's the feeling she hopes to evoke with viewers of "Wonder Woman," in theaters Friday. Gal Gadot plays the title character, who discovers her superpowers and fights for justice alongside humans after following a charming spy (Chris Pine) to London during World War I.

The Israeli-born Gadot didn't grow up with Wonder Woman, but she was always on the lookout for powerful characters to play.

"Usually the women are the damsel in distress or the heartbroken woman or the sidekick, but in real life it's not the case. In real life, we bring

life. We have babies. We have careers. We are so many other things," said Gadot, a 32-yearold married mother of two. "Wonder Woman symbolizes the magnificence of a woman and how amazing women are. And I think that it's an important movie not only for women and girls, but it's also great for boys and men... You can't empower women if you don't educate the men and you don't teach the boys, so as much as it's important for girls to be

Wonder Woman was created in 1941, yet this is her first solo feature film. Jenkins wanted to bring her to the big screen for more than a decade, but studios doubted the appeal of the lassowielding superheroine.

exposed and see this movie,

it's important for boys to have

a strong female figure that

they can look up to."

somebody who has had zero big blockbuster representation for 75 years still has 15 little girls a minute coming to my door dressed as her every Halloween, like how does that not equal dollar signs?" Jenkins said.

"I don't understand why

Connie Nielsen, who plays Diana's mother, Amazon queen Hippolyta, also didn't grow up with Wonder Woman, but had myriad other models of powerful women as a child in Denmark.

"The Denmark I grew up in was a Denmark in which women were, in fact, fully liberated and the whole world had been opened up to us," she said. "In the magazines in the early '80s, it was men who were photographed doing the vacuum cleaning in the ads for vacuum cleaners and women were no longer posing on the Ford Mustang."

So Nielsen felt entitled to question why, on an island populated by only women, her character would wear high heels. She and Gadot, both statuesque, wear wedges in the film.

"I actually had that conversation several times, and Patty was adamant," Nielsen said. "She really felt like you stand a different way (in heels), and you do."

The costumes, including the wedges, had to be considered during the physical training, which included horseback riding, archery and swords(wo) manship. For Robin Wright, who was raised on the "Wonder Woman" TV show, training and shooting with the Amazons was the best part.

"I think it was a little daunting for the men because it was very unusual. I think there

# This image released by Warner Bros. Entertainment shows Gal Gadot in a scene from "Wonder Woman," in theaters on June 2. were like 120 Amazons," said Wright, who plays the warrior Antiope, Diana's aunt and teacher. "That's a different energy on the set, and great for us. and filmmakers.

We just felt like a team of women that had each other's backs." She called Jenkins "the biggest cheerleader of them all."

With the film's arrival this week, Jenkins is thinking about what "Wonder Woman"

might mean for a new generation of aspiring superheroes— "I am a filmmaker who

wants to make successful films, of course. I want my film to be celebrated," she said. "But there's a whole other person in me who's sitting and watching what's happening right now who so hopes, not for me, that this movie defies expectation. Because I want to see the signal that that will send to the world."

# Woman,' citing Israeli actress **BEIRUT** (AP)—Lebanon is book page, the campaign said

Lebanon seeks to ban 'Wonder

seeking to ban the new "Wonder Woman" movie because its lead actress, Gal Gadot, is an Israeli—a reflection of how the decades-old animosity between the two neighbors is also infused in the cultural scene.

A security official said a formal request for a ban has not yet been received.

A ban would require a recommendation from a sixmember committee from the Ministry of Economy, a process that has not yet began, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

A premiere of "Wonder Woman" is scheduled for Wednesday in at least one cinema in Beirut. Posters of the movie and digital billboards have sprouted up around the Lebanese capital.

Lebanon is officially at war with Israel and has a decadesold law that boycotts Israeli products and bars Lebanese citizens from traveling or having contacts with Israelis. The two countries have been through a number of wars, including a particularly devastating one in 2006 that battered Lebanon's infrastructure and left hundreds dead.

A group called Campaign to Boycott Supporters of Israel-Lebanon has pressed an effort against the movie. On its Face-

Gadot was a soldier in the Israeli army and has expressed support for Israel's military policies against the Gaza Strip, a coastal Palestinian territory run by the militant group Hamas.

"The state took the right decision," Samah Idriss, a member of the boycott campaign told The Associated Press. "We now await the implementation. ... Even if it is one hour before the show, they should ban it anyway."

Tensions have been rising between Israel and Hezbollah, with Israelis reportedly bombing several Hezbollah targets in Syria in recent months. Israel has signaled that the targets were smuggling sophisticated weapons to Lebanon. Hezbollah officials said recently that they are not seeking war but are ready for it.

On her Facebook page, Gadot had praised Israel's military during the 2014 Gaza-Israel war, sending prayers to soldiers "who are risking their lives protecting my country against the horrific acts conducted by Hamas."

Officials at Lebanon's Economy Ministry did not return calls seeking comment. The security official said banning a movie would ultimately come from the country's interior minister following a recommendation from the sixmember committee.

# US museum returns ancient Egyptian stele missing since WWII

**BERLIN** (AP)—An ancient scientist hunting for Nazi secret weapons. An archaeologist who dug into dusty archives to prove a hunch.

What sounds like the plot of an Indiana Jones movie is turning into a happy end for a German museum that feared it had lost a treasured stone tablet from ancient Egypt.

The tale begins more than 3,000 years ago during the reign of Ramesses II, when Ptahmose, mayor of the Egyptian city of Memphis, had his portrait chiseled onto a stele.

his arms raised in worship of the ancient Egyptian deities Osiris and Isis.

The National Museums in Berlin purchased a fragment of the slab from an English collection in 1910. It was displayed in the German capital until WWII, when the museums were shut and large parts of the collection moved to safety due to aerial bombardment.

The stele was left behind and recorded missing, assumed destroyed, after the war.

Cultural Prussian

Unusually, the stone slab Heritage Foundation, which artifact lost in the chaos of was glazed, helping preserve oversees the museums, said World War II. An American the image of Ptahmose with Tuesday that the artifact was build a nuclear bomb, as rediscovered by a Dutch Egyptologist, Nico Staring, in the collection of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Research showed a Dutch-American scientist, Samuel Abraham Goudsmit, had purchased the stele in 1945 from a private collector in Germany and bequeathed it to the Michigan museum, the foundation said.

Goudsmit was the scientific head of a secret U.S.

army mission investigating Nazi Germany's efforts to well as an enthusiastic amateur archaeologist.

The Kelsey Museum agreed to return the stele, which will be displayed in Berlin from next month.

Hermann Parzinger, president of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, called the return of the stele a "noble gesture."

"Now, after more than 70 years, it will once again take its place in the permanent exhibition of the Egyptian Museum of Berlin," he said.

# Olivia Newton-John says she has breast cancer; cancels tour

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Olivia Newton-John says she has a breast cancer and is canceling her June tour.

The 68-year-old singer said Tuesday she initially thought she was suffering from back pain, but learned it was "breast cancer that has metastasized to

the sacrum."

Newton-John said she will complete "a short course of photon radiation therapy" and hopes to perform later this year. She said she will be treated by the medical team at the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and

Research Centre in Melbourne, Australia.

Says Newton-John: decided on my direction of therapies after consultation with my doctors and natural therapists."

Ticket buyers will be refunded for the canceled shows.

# In this Oct. 4, 2016 file photo, actress and singer Olivia Newton-John attends the premiere of HBO's "Divorce" in New York

### **SHOWBIZ TIDBITS**

### Country stars to be honored in ACM TV special

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—George Strait, Dolly Parton, Kelsea Ballerini, Eric Church, Reba McEntire, Toby Keith, Willie Nelson and Shel Silverstein will be honored by the Academy of Country Music during a television special. ACM announced Tuesday the special award honorees for the ACM Honors show, to be held in Nashville on Aug. 23 and broadcast at a later date on CBS. Strait will receive the Cliffie Stone Icon Award and Parton will receive the Gary Haber Lifting Lives Award. The Gene Weed Milestone Award will go to Ballerini, while Church will receive the Merle Haggard Spirit Award, McEntire and radio DJ Bob Kingsley will receive the Mae Boren Axton Service Award, while Keith, Nelson and Silverstein will get the Poet's Award. The TV show "Nashville" will receive the Tex Ritter Film Award.

### Coldplay, Bieber to join Ariana **Grande at Manchester concert**

NEW YORK (AP)—Justin Bieber, Coldplay and Katy Perry will join Ariana Grande at a charity concert in Manchester, England, on Sunday. Grande announced Tuesday that the "One Love Manchester" show will be held at the city's Old Trafford cricket ground just under two weeks after a bomber killed 22 people at the pop singer's concert in Manchester. Other performers will include Pharrell Williams.

Miley Cyrus, Usher, Niall Horan and Take That. Proceeds will go to an emergency fund set up by the city of Manchester and the British Red Cross. Tickets go on sale Thursday. "We will not quit or operate in fear. We won't let this divide us. We won't let hate win," Grande said in a statement. "Our response to this violence must be to come closer together, to help each other, to love more, to sing louder and to live more kindly and generously than we did before." The singer added: "Music is meant to heal us, to bring us together, to make us happy. So that is what it will continue to do for us."

### **Purported Jimi Hendrix guitar** withdrawn from June auction

**DALLAS** (AP)—Heritage Auctions has halted the planned offering of a guitar purported to have been played by Jimi Hendrix at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival amid concerns it's not that particular instrument. Dallas-based Heritage on Tuesday announced the guitar, originally estimated to bring up to \$750,000, will no longer be up for sale on June 17. A Heritage statement says auction house experts examined the instrument and cited concerns that it may not be the same guitar Hendrix played at the Monterey, California, event. Heritage previously announced the Fender Stratocaster would be offered for sale in Beverly Hills, California, via a private collector from the United Kingdom.

# Urinating dog statue briefly placed near'Fearless Girl'art

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A New York City artist briefly placed a small statue of a urinating dog next to Wall Street's "Fearless Girl" sculpture as a form of counter protest.

"Fearless Girl" was installed in March by a financial firm as a statement about the lack of women on the boards

of big U.S. corporations. It faces the famous "Charging Bull" statue.

The dog's sculptor, Alex Gardega, tells The New York Post that he thinks "Fearless Girl" is a disrespectful publicity stunt and "has nothing to do with feminism."

"Fearless Girl" creator Kris-

ten Visbal and a representative for bull creator Arturo Di Modica did not immediately respond to comment requests on Tuesday.

Di Modica has previously complained that "Fearless Girl" turns his bull's message of freedom, peace, strength, power and love into something negative.

# Kathy Griffin apologizes for Trump photo: 'I went too far'

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Kathy Griffin says she went way too far when she appeared in a brief video Tuesday holding what looked like President Donald Trump's bloody, severed head.

The comic apologized later for the video image, saying it was "too disturbing" and wasn't funny.

"I sincerely apologize," she said in a second video. "I went way too far. The image is too disturbing. I understand how it offends people."

The first video showed a the images.

straight-faced Griffin slowly lifting the bloody head. She originally described the project with photographer Tyler Shields as an "artsy fartsy statement" mocking the com- Griffin mander in chief.

Many online called for Griffin to be jailed.

In her apology video, Griffin begs her fans for forgiveness and says she has asked the photographer to remove

"I made a mistake, and I was wrong," she says.

The video had apparently been removed from Shields' blog by late Tuesday. CNN, whose New

Year's Eve coverage Griffin has co-host-

ed, called the images "disgusting and offensive."

"We are pleased to see she has apologized," CNN said in a statement. "We are evaluating New Year's Eve and have made no decisions at this point."

### **NEW YORK** (AP)—Former Fox personality News Bill O'Reilly has lost his nightly show, but he's as busy as ever

with his million-sell-

new fans online. In announcing his next book in the best-selling "Killing" historical series on Tuesday, O'Reilly reiterated his denial of the allegations of sexual harassment that led to his April

determined to find O'Reilly

ing book career and

ouster, blaming them on false, ideological attacks and a vicious culture in which there are "no rules."

"Allegations are not facts. Nobody's searching for the truth anymore," O'Reilly, who was

fired in April amid allegations of sexual harassment that he has denied, told The Associated Press in one of his first interviews since his dismissal.

"Killing England: The Bru-

O'Reilly blames ouster on ideology, culture with 'no rules' tal Struggle for American Independence," which focuses on the Revolutionary War era, will be published Sept. 19, Henry Holt and Co. told the AP. The book will be cowritten by O'Reilly's longtime collaborator, Martin Dugard. The six previous "Killing" books, which include "Killing Lincoln," "Killing Reagan" and "Killing Kennedy," have consistently sold more than 1 million copies each in hardcover, a rare achievement in publishing for nonfiction.

# Husband doesn't share wife's dreams of seeing the world

EAR ABBY: I'll be retiring next year. My husband is already retired. When I do, I want to travel in the U.S. and internationally. We are healthy, able to travel and we have the funds to do it.

The problem is, my husband isn't crazy about traveling. He'll go if I book it, but he fusses the whole time until we go. It's not like he has to do anything. I do all the booking and packing. All he has to do is show up.

I told him one of my bucket list items was to live in Mexico for a month. Because I hate cold weather, I want to live somewhere warm.

Can you give me some advice on this matter? Help me change his mind about seeing the world before we are no longer able to. Or do you think I need to find a travel companion? BUCKET LIST IN VIRGINIA

DEAR B.L.: You may need to do exactly that, and the way to change your husband's mind about travel might be to say it. Not everyone has wanderlust. If he's a confirmed homebody who regards travel as a punishment instead of a privilege, you should not have to suffer for it.

**DEAR ABBY:** My doctor prescribed medication to con-

trol my migraines, but I have to take the pills four times a day —at breakfast, lunch, dinner and bedtime. Although I'm not ashamed, I don't want to have to explain why I am taking the medication because I'm afraid there may be a stigma attached to it. I don't know what to do. If I try to vary the times, I end up forgetting to take a pill. What should I do?

PRESCRIBED IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR PRESCRIBED: Take the medication on time as instructed by your physician. If you need a reminder, program it into your cellphone. There's no more stigma attached to taking medication to prevent headaches than there is in taking it for any other medical reason. If you prefer not to be questioned about it, excuse yourself and do it in the restroom.

**DEAR ABBY:** Hi. I have a problem. My best friend is moving away to a different state this summer. School is ending soon. She is my only friend, and I'm currently dating her brother. He's the only boy I like, and she is my only friend. I don't know what to do.

I'll be in ninth grade in a couple of months, which means I'll have to start high school without a best friend or a boyfriend.

# DEAR ABBY

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What should I do? I'll be all alone.

SAVANNAH IN COLORADO

DEAR SAVANNAH: Not quite! A lot of changes occur when students leave the lower grades and start high school. Even established friendships can change. When school begins, many of your classmates will be in exactly the same position as you. If you are friendly, I'm sure you'll find others who will be open to being friendly to you.

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# Calvin and Hobbes









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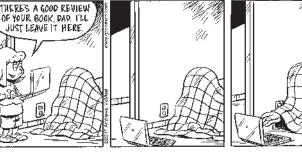
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Willow Shields, 17; Amy Schumer, 36; Heidi Klum, 44: Morgan Freeman, 80.

Happy Birthday: A calculated approach to life will help vou avoid making mistakes this year. Look at all angles of any situation and you will find ways to get around any obstacle you confront. Don't let negativity stop you from following your instincts. You can achieve your goals by taking an alternative route. Don't stew over what's holding you back. Your numbers are 1, 8, 19, 21, 24, 36, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work hard, play hard and make the most of every moment. You have plenty to offer and should not stop until you reach your goal. A spoton approach to whatever you do will turn you into a star. 🛇 🔾 🔾

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do something creative. No matter what stage in life you are going through, playtime will be important to stimulate your mind. Take the time to finish projects that have sat idle for too long. Make plans for new endeavors as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get down when you should get moving. Look at what projects are doable and how you can accomplish them instead of laboring over situations that you cannot change. A romantic gesture will bring you closer to someone you love. 🛇

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your interests will lead you on a journey that will allow you to discover a creative or

emotional outlet that will refresh you. Letting go of the impossible will allow you to explore new beginnings.

someone who may be trying to advance using unscrupulous methods. Focus on the facts and find alternatives, and you will stay in the clear. •••

yourself, your home and your future. Saving and building solid assets will be the way to gain the confidence necessary to pursue your lifelong goals. Financial education will help you curb your excessive tendencies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your creativity take over and your passionate attitude be your driving force. What you set out to do will come easily once you get started. You can talk your way in or out of any situa-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will confuse you by using emotional tactics or deception. You'll be disappointed if you are too quick to trust someone with your personal information. Don't let yourself be taken advantage of. **QQ** 

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be tempt-

ed to overspend, thinking you have more money than you do. Reserve judgment when dealing with someone who is pestering you for help. Consider ways to make a difference without lending money or possessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Learn as you go and observe how others handle situations similar to your own. Avoid

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Invest in

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tion that you face along the way. ••••

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An investment will bring you closer to financial freedom. Don't let old rules or outdated policies stand between you and what you want. You have to live in the here and now in order to take advantage of current opportunities. **OOOOO** 

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Problems will surface if you can't agree with someone you share space with. Don't give up or give in. Look for a fair compromise that will ensure you both get what you want in order to maintain equality and happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your imagination and you'll come up with a plan that will far exceed your expectations. Someone you work with will be jealous of you. If you are humble, it will be impossible for anyone to make you look bad. ���

Birthday Baby: You are responsive, dedicated and mysterious. You are intelligent and tolerant.

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

### Last Friday's Answer

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# Why the Warriors will win the NBA Finals

By TIM REYNOLDS

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There is a way to beat Golden State.

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Let the Warriors shoot 50 percent, they're almost cer-

tainly going to win. Let the Warriors score 103 points, they're almost certainly going to win. It's really that simple. To use LeBron James' word, they are a juggernaut. And that juggernaut will require the Cleveland Cavaliers to play airtight defense in these NBA Finals.

Defense has been the question for the Cavaliers all season.

That is why Golden State is my pick to win the NBA championship.

For the record, I picked Cleveland at the start of the season primarily for two reasons. One, James is the best player alive and his entire motivation now seems to revolve around collecting more rings. Two, I wasn't convinced that adding Kevin Durant to the Warriors' loaded mix would be as seamless as Golden State



has made it look.

James has probably never been better than he is now.

But with Durant, the War-

riors have probably never been better than this either.

Let's get back to those numbers. When the Warriors score

103 this season, they're 78-6. When they score 102 or less, they're 1-9. (That ratio also holds true going back to last

year's Finals, Golden State going 3-0 when scoring 103 or more, 0-4 otherwise.) And the last time that the Warriors shot better than 50 percent and lost was in November - that is, November 2014.

When shooting over 50 percent, they've won 106 consecutive games, the last 43 of those coming this season.

The argument from CavsT-witter upon hearing those numbers will likely revolve around how Cleveland has clamped down on Golden State in each of the past two Finals, and that take is accurate. Golden State shot 44 percent against the Cavs in the 2015 Finals, 43 percent last season. Clearly, Cleveland understands what it takes to frustrate the Warriors just enough.

In this Sunday, May 14, 2017, photo, Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant warms up before Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals between the Warriors and the San Antonio Spurs in Oakland, Calif.

Except those Warriors aren't these Warriors.

And even though Cleveland has rolled through the playoffs, going 12-1, they've allowed opponents over 100 points in all but three of those games.

Durant is the difference. Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green were daunting enough with Harrison Barnes. Now with Durant in that mix in what essentially was Barnes' spot, the Warriors have found different dimensions both offensively and defensively. Barnes averaged 9.3 points in the Finals a season ago, on 35 percent shooting. There's no way Durant will get held to those sort of numbers.

The Warriors have dealt with adversity—particularly Durant's knee injury and coach Steve Kerr's absence caused by his ongoing back problems. They know the pain that comes with losing a Finals, particularly one where a 3-1 series lead gets wasted. Durant has heard so much criticism for leaving Oklahoma City and moving to Golden State last summer.

They haven't blinked. They're 27-1 in their last 28 games. They're 12-0 in the playoffs. They're rested. They're healthy.

James will push Golden State to the limit. But in the end, the 2016 loss will be avenged and the championship confetti will finally fall on Durant.

Warriors in seven.

# 49ers' Bowman remembers urging KD to shoot in middle school

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Imagine Kevin Durant as a skinny, timid teen being told to shoot by his middle school point guard who saw so much potential all those years ago.

He needed a little urging back then. Much of it came from star San Francisco 49ers linebacker NaVorro Bowman, who fondly recalls his days passing to the future NBA star.

Bowman, who claims he was the superior player at Drew Freeman Middle School in Prince George's County, Maryland, used to encourage the lanky Durant to be aggressive, to take it to the hoop with authority. Durant already measured more than 6 feet tall at the time and would rapidly add inches in the upcoming years.

"Can you believe we had to tell him to shoot?" Bowman recalled with a grin last week at Levi's Stadium while relaxing after football practice in Santa Clara.

"Yeah, we had to tell him to shoot. We knew that he could play the game and he would eventually get better, but how tall he was, back in the day if you were that tall you would be in the post or you would be in the paint. This guy was on the wing. You could see the talent there. Eventually, as you see now, he grew into it and became a great player."

Durant insists all he wanted to do was create opportunities for others.

"I would just always want to please my teammates, so I would pass up a shot to get somebody else a look," Durant said. "I always had that trait and that kind of turned into not being aggressive, if that's what it was called. But I was more so just catering to my teammates, trying to make them feel comfortable. And at a young age, NaVorro being such a leader that he is, he knew that I had some pretty good talent at that age and he just told me, 'Go out there and just play.' As a kid, you need that, you want that validation from your teammates. Especially starting off early when I started to take basketball really, really serious, just a couple words from him meant a lot."

They've since reunited in the Bay Area, Bowman cheering for KD to win his first championship with the Warriors. Bowman plans to be there in person at Oracle Arena this week. Game 1 against the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers is Thursday night.

The Maryland boys' paths crossed before middle school, as opponents in AAU ball—Durant figures around age 11.

As each chased professional dreams over the next decade, they pushed one another from afar without even knowing it, taking great pride in their shared "DMV"—D.C., Maryland, Virginia—roots and making it big in their respec-

tive athletic pursuits.

"We really grew up together. He always played Pee Wee football and you would walk to the field and you'd see NaVorro wearing a No. 99 jersey, all black on with a visor, just bigger than everybody else," Durant said. "You didn't really know who he was until he took his helmet off. But you could tell that he was on another level, just his focus, just how much he wanted it, his energy as a kid and then it just continued to grow. I knew we kind of inspired and pushed each other without even having to say anything."

From age 12 through high school, Bowman would play basketball all day at a 24-hour gym, sometimes going from 8 a.m. until midnight. Durant would join him sometimes, though he lived on the opposite side of town. They knew the same people, and where to land a competitive pickup game.

By eighth grade, scouts flocked to see KD. Bowman attracted a few, too.

Bowman was recruited by DeMatha Catholic High but didn't want to attend an all-boys school, so he went to nearby Suitland. Durant spent one semester at Suitland, then left for Montrose Christian. That's where his career took off.

Several prominent schools recruited Bowman for basketball, but he saw a future

in football and wound up at Penn State. "I just made a business de-

cision, knowing that I wasn't

getting taller," the 6-foot, fourtime All-Pro said.

Now, Bowman is getting

a thrill as an up-close spectator—supporting a dear friend.

He sent a text message to KD after the Warriors' sweep of San Antonio last week.

"I had to congratulate him on his success and the choice he made. I know it was hard and challenging but it's about winning a championship," Bowman said of KD leaving Oklahoma City. "I think that was his choice and why he made it. I texted him, 'I know you're excited to be where you are and accomplish what you've accomplished, let's go get it, let's get it taken care of.""

Durant, too, is pulling for Bowman as he comes back from another injury, this time a torn Achilles.

"Once I made it, I knew that he was next up, and it's kind of come full circle from playing eighth grade ball together to us living right down the street from each other. He comes over all the time and he comes to games," Durant said. "It's one of those legacy things that we'll sit down and talk about forever, people from our area just for this to come together like this is divine and it's special. I have a friend for life in him."

# Kerr not well yet, but hasn't ruled himself out for Game 1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Steve Kerr expects to decide soon whether he will coach the Golden State Warriors at all in the NBA Finals, saying Monday he is not yet ready but hasn't ruled himself out for Game 1.

"As of right now I would not coach Thursday night. It's still up in the air. Still waiting for 'Ahhhhhh!'" Kerr said, reaching his hands to the sky as if to receive some miracle healing. "It's coming, it's coming. ... I think once we get to Game 1, that might be a good time to make a decision one way or the other."

Golden State, unbeaten this postseason at 12-0 with

sweeps of Houston, Utah and San Antonio, hosts the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers in Games 1 and 2 on Thursday and Sunday.

The reigning NBA Coach of the Year is still not feeling well after a May 5 procedure at Duke University to repair a spinal fluid leak stemming from back surgery complications nearly two years ago. He filled in addressing the media Monday when acting coach Mike Brown was out with the flu.

"I told the team the good news is the team is really healthy, the bad news is the coaching staff is dropping like flies," Kerr joked.

# Sale makes shaky return to Chicago; Red Sox beat White Sox



CHICAGO (AP)—Chris Sale made a

shaky return to his former home, but Deven Marrero hit two of Boston's season-high six home runs and the Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 13-7 on Tuesday night.

Mookie Betts, Jackie Bradlev Jr., Xander Bogaerts and Mitch Moreland also went deep. The Red Sox won for the seventh time in nine games after an anticipated duel between aces never materialized.

Sale (6-2) got a warm reception from the crowd and a rude welcome from his old team. The five-time All-Star gave up six runs and 10 hits — both season highs - over five innings in his first appearance against the White Sox.

Chicago left-hander Jose Quintana (2-7) got pounded for seven runs and 10 hits in 2 2/3 innings. It was his shortest outing since he lasted one inning against the New York Yankees on Sept. 2, 2013.

### **Dodgers 9, Cardinals 4**

In St. Louis, Chase Utley, Logan Forsythe and Chris Tavlor combined to reach base 11 times and totaled six runs, helping the Dodgers rally for their sixth straight win.

Utley finished a homer shy of the cycle. Forsythe reached five times, including three walks, and Taylor reached three times.

Adrian Gonzalez's sacrifice fly and Utley's RBI double started the Dodgers comeback in the third. Enrique Hernandez tied it at 3 with a single, and Paul DeJong's throwing error on the same play scored Utley to give the Dodgers a 4-3 lead.

Brandon Morrow (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for

Michael Wacha (2-3) needed 77 pitches to get through three innings, the shortest outing for a St. Louis starter this season. The Cardinals have dropped 10 of 13.

# **Indians 9, Athletics 4**

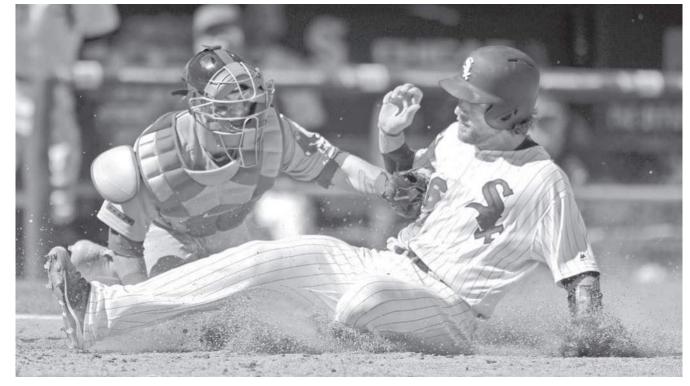
In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer struck out an AL-best 14 in seven innings, leading Cleveland to the win.

Bauer's career-best strikeout total was one shy of this season's major league-high of 15 by Washington's Stephen Strasburg against San Diego on Saturday.

Bauer (5-4) allowed three runs and seven hits with one walk. Four Cleveland pitchers combined to strike out 19, tying a franchise record for a nine-inning game.

Rookie Bradley Zimmer had a career-high four RBIs for the Indians, hitting a tworun double in the fourth and a two-run homer in the eighth.

Sonny Gray (2-2) allowed sev-



en runs in 4 2/3 innings for Oakland, which dropped a seasonhigh seven games below .500.

### Yankees 8, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Brett Gardner and Matt Holliday each homered twice, Aaron Judge drove in two runs and the Yankees received a solid pitching performance from Luis Severino.

Gardner set the tone for the AL East leaders by connecting on the third pitch from Chris Tillman (1-2), who had not allowed a home run in his previous four starts this season.

Holliday went deep in the first inning and again in the third for his 22nd career multihomer game. Gardner's second solo shot sparked a threerun fourth that made it 8-0.

Severino (4-2) gave up one run and seven hits over 6 1/3

Trey Mancini had three hits and an RBI for the Orioles, who have lost eight of nine and 14 of 18.

### Mets 5, Brewers 4, 12 innings

In New York, Jay Bruce lined a game-ending single in the 12th inning and the Mets rebounded to beat the Brewers 5-4 after shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera allowed the tying runs to score in the seventh when he flubbed a bases-loaded popup with two outs.

Wily Peralta (5-4) pitched a perfect 11th in his fourth relief outing since he was dropped from Milwaukee's rotation in mid-May, but then allowed a single to pinch hitter T.J. Rivera leading off the 12th. Michael Conforto walked and Jose Reyes grounded into a forceout that left runners at the corners.

With the infield at doubleplay depth, Bruce singled up the middle to end a game that lasted 4 hours, 24 minutes.

Josh Smoker (1-2) pitched three scoreless innings in New York's third straight win.

The NL Central-leading Brewers lost for the seventh time in nine games.

### Marlins 7, Phillies 2

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton hit his third homer since moving into the No. 2 spot in the batting order, a change that has revived Miami, which won its third game in a row.

Marcell Ozuna also homered for the Marlins, whose modest winning streak is their longest since mid-April.

Stanton hit a two-run homer, his 14th, in a five-run third. Since he moved up to the No. 2 spot, Stanton is 12 for 29 (.414) with three homers and seven RBIs in seven games, and the Marlins are 5-2 while outscoring opponents 48-22.

Both starting pitchers departed with injuries. Phillies right-hander Vince Velasquez (2-5) left in the second inning because of a right elbow flexor strain, and Marlins left-hander Justin Nicolino exited after three scoreless innings due to a bruised left index finger.

Dustin McGowan (2-0) replaced Nicolino and allowed one run in three innings.

### Diamondbacks 3, Pirates O

In Pittsburgh, Arizona lefthander Robbie Ray pitched a four-hitter in his first career complete game.

Ray (5-3) struck out 10, walked none and threw 115 pitches. The left-hander set a career high by winning his third straight start and has pitched 23 2/3 scoreless innings during that run, all on the road, while also beating the San Diego Padres and Milwaukee Brewers.

Chris Owings snapped a scoreless tie with a double in the sixth inning, and the Diamondbacks ended a threegame losing streak.

Ivan Nova (5-4) allowed three runs in seven innings, losing for the just the second

time in nine starts.

# Royals 1, Tigers 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Eric Skoglund pitched 6 1/3 innings of two-hit ball in his major league debut, helping the Royals beat Justin Verlander and the Tigers.

Skoglund, a 2014 thirdround draft pick out of Central Florida, struck out five and walked one. The left-hander was promoted from Triple-A Omaha when the Royals placed Danny Duffy on the disabled list Monday with an oblique strain.

Verlander (4-4) left after seven innings, allowing one run and six hits. He struck out five and walked one.

Eric Hosmer hit a two-out RBI single in the sixth for Kansas City, and Kelvin Herrera pitched the ninth for his 12th save in 14 opportunities.

### Mariners 10, Rockies 4

In Denver, Kyle Seager homered and drove in four runs for Seattle, and Robinson Cano also connected.

Jean Segura had four hits and Ariel Miranda (5-2) pitched five solid innings to help the Mariners sweep two games in Denver. It was just the Rockies' third loss in 17 series and first since April 24-27 against Washington. They also fell out of first place in the NL West, dropping a halfgame behind the streaking Dodgers.

Ben Gamel, who replaced slugger Nelson Cruz in the second inning, and Guillermo Heredia each had three of Seattle's season-high 19 hits.

The Mariners jumped on Rockies lefty Tyler Anderson (3-5). Seager hit a two-run homer in a three-run second, and his two-run double in the third helped the Mariners go up 6-0.

### Rangers 9, Rays 5

In Arlington, Texas, Elvis Andrus had a career-high five RBIs for Texas, including a tying three-run homer in the seventh inning.

Andrus' two-out drive deep into the visiting bullpen ended a stretch of five scoreless innings from the Tampa Bay bullpen after Matt Andriese left in the second with a mild groin strain.

Jared Hoying's liner off the top of the wall in right came with the bases loaded and one out in a four-run eighth against Chase Whitley (1-1), breaking a 5-5 tie. After a sacrifice fly from Shin-Soo Choo, Andrus' single to left scored two more.

Chicago White Sox's Kevan Smith, right, slides safely into home plate on a Melky Cabrera single while Boston Red Sox catcher Christian Vazquez, left, tries to apply the tag during the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, May 29, 2017, in Chicago.

Keone Kela (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth, and closer Matt Bush had a perfect ninth in a non-save situation.

### Blue Jays 6, Reds 4

In Toronto, Kendrys Morales hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning for Toronto, and Josh Donaldson belted an upper-deck drive.

All six Toronto runs came on homers. Jose Bautista and Russell Martin also connected for the Blue Jays, who have hit 47 homers in May.

Cincinnati's Zack Cozart hit two solo home runs and Joey Votto had a third.

Morales broke a 4-all tie with a two-run blast off Blake Wood (0-3), his 10th.

Joe Smith (1-0) worked one inning for the win and Roberto Osuna finished for his 10th save. Toronto has won seven of eight.

### Astros 7, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Jose Altuve had four hits and two RBIs, Mike Fiers struck out eight over six innings in his bid to retain a spot in Houston's banged-up rotation, and the major leagueleading Astros earned their sixth straight victory.

Alex Bregman homered and drove in two runs, providing further support for Fiers (2-2) in his best of 10 starts this season.

Fiers fell behind 2-0 in the first when Eddie Rosario drew a bases-loaded walk and Byron Buxton followed with an infield single, but Astros hacked their way back against Jose Berrios (3-1).

Buxton had two hits and drove in a run. Berrios gave up five hits and four walks in five innings, the shortest of his four starts this year.

# Hunter Strickland suspended 6 games, Bryce Harper 4

### SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Bruce Bochy called the fastball Posey reacted he had noth-

ment on one topic the day after a bench-clearing brawl that led to a six-game suspension for Giants reliever Hunter Strickland and a fourgame ban for Washington slugger Bryce Harper.

Whatever beef might exist is about a long-held grudge by Strickland three years after Harper homered off him twice in the playoffs and not between the teams as a whole.

San Francisco manager

There is widespread agree- that Strickland threw at Harper ing to do with it. In our in the eighth inning Monday "a personal thing" and said he talked to his reliever privately about his actions.

Washington manager Dusty Baker said there is no need for the Nationals to retaliate against the Giants because he believes Strickland was acting on his own.

"I know Bruce Bochy didn't give the command and order," Baker said before Tuesday night's game. "I could tell the way Buster mind, it was not a team act but a selfish act on his part. It's more selfish because he probably won't ever get to come to the plate for there to be any retaliation."

Strickland hit Harper in the hip with a pitch in the eighth inning and the Washington slugger charged the mound, wildly firing his helmet before trading punches to the head with Strickland during the Nationals' 3-0 win Monday at San Francisco.

# Runaway winners in team event of May Masters

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn\_monroyo@saipantribune.com

Mother and daughter Diana and Kari Camacho, Janice Camacho, and Kathy Mersai won the women's team event in the 35th CNMI May Masters Tournament by a big margin, besting three other squads in the competition held over

the weekend at the Saipan Bowling Center.

The winning foursome collected 2,061 pinfalls and was the only team to score over 2,000

as runners-up Gigi Gloria Zapanta, Omechalng, Mel Regis, and Ron Cal combined for only 1,940. The team of Maridel Camacho, Lucy Deleon Guerrero, Connie Lizama, and Diana Villagomez logged 1,799 to rank third, while Elena Soll, Yho Villavicencio, Lala Taitano, and Tess Fabie earned 1,608 for fourth place.

Diana Camacho had the best score for the winning team with her three-game total of 537 (211, 178, and 148), while Mersai contributed 534 (146, 209, and 179), and Janice and Kari made 509 (176,



190, and 143) and 481 (144, 166, 171), respectively.

Diana Camacho also knocked down the most pins in the women's singles (549) to beat 11 other female bowlers who joined the weekend competition. Diana earned 169 in Game 1 and 191

and 189 in the last two games to finish 16 pins ahead of Maridel Camacho, who totaled 533 (187, 187, and 159. Mersai rounded out the Top 3 in the women's singles, just two short of tying Maridel's output.

In the women's double, Jan-

From left, Kathy Mersai, Kari, Janice, and Diana Camacho pose with their team event trophies during the awards ceremony for the 35th CNMI May Masters Tournament last Sunday at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.

ice Camacho had a 1-2 finish, as her partnership with Diana produced the field-best 1,023 pins. Janice scored 532 pinfalls, while Diana recorded 491 to beat the 1,006 of the former and Mersai. Janice and Mersai had three-game totals of 481 and 525, respectively.

Meanwhile, Mersai got her second first place finish after topping the All Events Category. With her 531 in the singles, 473 in the doubles, and 534 in the team event, Mersai collected 1,538 and average 170.89 for a close win against Diana (1,529/169.89 average). Mel Regis was ranked third with her 1,497 total and average of 166.33.

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riors last Friday, 69-39.

Versus the Young Warriors, the Ol'Aces Elite established an early double-digit advantage at the break, 33-16, and never looked back to remain unbeaten in the division after six games. Rikko Saralu and Duncan Laxa scored 8 points apiece in the first half to lift the Ol'Aces Elite to the 17-point lead.

Laxa and Saralu's teammates then contributed in the second half to increase their advantage en route to the 30-point winning margin.

Laxa finished with 10 points, while Merrick Toves came off the bench in the second half and also tallied 10 markers. Five more Ol'Aces Elite players chipped in at least 6 markers each to rout the Young Warriors.

Dustin Salilin had 13 points on a losing effort for the Young Warriors.

In the Ol'Aces Elite's win against the Ol'Aces Extreme, E.J. Abejo and Albert Atan teamed up in powering the former to a 26-point victory.

Abejo scored 16 points, while Atan contributed 15 as the duo outgunned Greg Deleon Guerrero and Frank Mizutani, who combined for 22 points for the Ol'Aces Extreme.

In other results in the boys U15 division, DYS/NMI Rollers outclassed Kagman Rollers last Saturday, 47-40.

Chioni Dela Cruz and John Paul Cruz made field goals in the homestretch, while T.J. Factor and A.J. Hudkins knocked in important free throws to help DYS/NMI Rollers slip past Kagman Rollers. Hudkins ended up top-scoring for the winning squad with his 14 points.

Meanwhile, in the boys U18 division match last Tuesday, the NMI Rollers also triumphed, crushing the Natibu Warriors, 66-43.

The NMI Rollers led from start to finish to take the easy victory. Jude Tengco, Kenji Abobo, Manny Cobacha, and Jun Fidelino combined for 38 points in the NMI Rollers' lopsided win against the Warriors, who were lead by the 12 points of Henry Aguon.

# TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES **MLB STANDINGS**

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division**

### New York .549 3 .520 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 28 26 28 23 24 27 Boston 41/2 Baltimore .509 Tampa Bay .481 61/2

### **Central Division** Minnesota

Houston

Los Angeles 27

| West Division |    |    |      |                |  |  |  |
|---------------|----|----|------|----------------|--|--|--|
| Kansas City   | 22 | 29 | .431 | 5½             |  |  |  |
| Detroit       | 24 | 28 | .462 | 4              |  |  |  |
| Chicago       | 24 | 27 | .471 | $3\frac{1}{2}$ |  |  |  |
| Cievelaliu    | 21 | 23 | .540 | _              |  |  |  |

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| NATIONAL LEAGUE<br>East Division |    |    |      |      |  |
|----------------------------------|----|----|------|------|--|
| Washington                       |    | 19 | .627 | _    |  |
| New York                         | 23 | 27 | .460 | 81/2 |  |
| Atlanta                          | 22 | 28 | .440 | 91/2 |  |

.400 11½ .340 14½

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### Miami 20 Philadelphia 17 30 33 **Central Division**

| ilwaukee      | 27 | 25 | .519 |    |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| nicago        | 25 | 26 | .490 | 1½ |
| Louis         | 24 | 25 | .490 | 1½ |
| ncinnati      | 24 | 27 | .471 | 2½ |
| ttsburgh      | 24 | 29 | .453 | 3½ |
| lest Division |    |    |      |    |

| MEST DIALS    | 21011 |    |      |      |
|---------------|-------|----|------|------|
| Los Angeles   | 33    | 20 | .623 | _    |
| Colorado      | 33    | 21 | .611 | 1/2  |
| Arizona       | 32    | 22 | .593 | 11/2 |
| San Francisco | 22    | 32 | .407 | 111/ |
| San Diego     | 21    | 33 | .389 | 121/ |
|               |       |    |      |      |

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Woods found asleep at the wheel, no alcohol in his system



disturbing images of Tiger Woods emerged Tuesday in the black-and-white

details of police reports, depicting him sound asleep behind the wheel of a car parked awkwardly on the side of a six-lane Florida road with two flat tires, the engine still running and a blinker flashing.

When a police officer woke him, Woods was so disoriented that he initially said he had just returned from playing golf in Los Angeles. Then, he said he didn't know where he was or how far away he was from his home in Jupiter Island.

He kept falling back asleep.

Eventually, he failed a sobriety test so badly that at one point officers moved toward him to ensure he didn't fall over.

There was no evidence of alcohol, however, confirming what Woods said Monday night when he issued a statement saying he had had an "unexpected reaction" to prescription medicine. Jupiter police said he took a breath test that showed no alcohol in his system. He later agreed to a urine test.

Still to come is potential

This image provided by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office on Monday, May 29, 2017, shows Tiger Woods.

video evidence from dashcam footage showing his arrest on suspicion of DUI in the morning darkness of Memorial Day.

An affidavit and an incident report from the four officers at the scene were released a day after Woods spent nearly four hours in the Palm Beach County jail. His mug shot from the jail—showing lifeless eyes and scraggly facial hair-provided a stark illustration of how much Woods' mystique has been shattered since a decade of domination that golf had never seen.

It left players on the PGA Tour hopeful for better times, and not just on the golf

"I feel bad for Tiger," Jack Nicklaus said. "Tiger is a friend. He's been great for the game of golf, and I think he needs all our help. And we wish him well. ... I hope he gets out of it and I hope he plays golf again. He needs a lot of support from a lot of people, and I'll be one of them."

Woods remains a favorite among players young and old. When he was an assistant captain at the Ryder Cup last September, the American team presented him a red shirt that said, "Make Tiger Great Again."

"I'm concerned about him," said Steve Stricker, the Presidents Cup captain who chose Woods as one of his assistants. He said he exchanged texts with Woods on Monday and that Woods told him no alcohol was involved.

understanding ... or if he had some medication problems, a mixture of some—I really don't know," Stricker said. "And I'm always the guy to give the benefit of the doubt, and we're just going to have to wait and see. But I'm pulling for him. I'm hoping that he gets things turned around and back out there playing well again."

"Whether this is just a mis-

### SUZUKI

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the SSC swimmer posted on March 23, 2017 during the 2017 SSC International Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. The 11-year-old finished about 3 seconds ahead of 12-year-old and Tsunami Saipan's Chuckie White, who clocked in at 21:40.65.

Then in the 200m freestyle, Suzuki submitted 2:14.29, which eclipsed the 2:17.20 his older brother Lennosuke logged on March 19, 2016. On top of setting the new mark in the four-lap race, Suzuki finished way ahead of 11 others swimmers in his age group. He won by more than eight seconds against Tsunami Saipan's Isaiah Alekseno (2:22.89) and was over 14 seconds faster than White

(2:28.93). The last finisher in the race timed in at 3:49.71. In the 400m freestyle, Suzu-

ki's 4:43.52 did not only bested five others swimmers, but also crushed the 4:46.40 he registered on March 25, 2017 during the SSC-organized tournament. Suzuki was the only swimmer to break the five-minute barrier in the eight-lap race, as runnerup Ty Leon Guerrero of Tsunami Saipan only timed in at 5:27.37. The four other finishers in the 400m freestyle clocked in between six minutes and seven minutes and change.

Meanwhile, the Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation acknowledged SSC's Kento Akimaru and Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan's Ashley Dangol for matching records in their respective age groups.

Akimaru submitted 27.57 sec-

onds in the 15 to 16's 50m butterfly event, duplicating the mark that Tsunami Saipan's Kensuke Kimura posted on April 20, 2013. The SSC swimmer, who got the top honors in his age group, defeated five other swimmers in the sprint event, winning over Manhoben's Tanner Poppe (29.22 seconds), Tsunami Guam's Caleb White (31.14), and Manhoben's Santiago Poppe (33.11), Gabe Giovenco (34.00), and Gray Harvey (38.91).

Dangol did the same event in the 9 to 10 division swim and her 32.37 matched the best time she tallied on March 27, 2017. Then in the 100m freestyle, the Tsunami Saipan member recorded 1:08.14, the similar mark that Dangol's former teammate Miku Tammy earned on Jan. 12, 2013. Dangol went on to take the highpoint award in her age group.

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bottom of the fifth with Cruz's single driving Norita in and Zach Reyes reaching home off a wild pitch from Saures. Earlier at the top of the fifth, the Comets had a 1-2-3 inning, no thanks to Norita's two strikeouts and 6-3 putout play on Sneak Sumor. The Comets also finished the top of the sixth inning early as their second, third, and fourth batter flied out, leaving Nakamura, who led off with a single, stranded at first.

While the Comets continued to struggle offensively, the Falcons did not as they added three more runs at the bottom of the sixth. Teigita reached off a wild pitch from Nakamura, Aven Evangelista was driven home by Smith's dou-

ble and the latter also scored off Norita's single to boost the Falcons' title bid, going into the seventh and last inning. At the top of the seventh,

the Comets were pressured to score at least six runs to extend the finale and they had a good chance with their runners reaching second and third base with only one out. Leadoff batter Justin Magofna flied out to first base, while Terrence Changar singled, reached second on a wild pitch, and stole third. Zeph Limes was next at bat for the Comets and walked before stealing second, while fourth batter Sumor was struck out by Norita for the second out. Limes and Changar were eventually left stranded and the Falcons took the title win after Reid Teregeyo went down on a 4-3 putout play.

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# 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions

### PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Harry Nakamura gauges the hole before going for a shot on the No. 17 of the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort during the 22nd Governor's Tournament of Champions held over the



A golfer tees off from hole No. 12.



weekend. A golfer prepares to tee off from hole No. 15. Three golfers watch the ball to the fairways of hole No. 14. CNMI junior golfer Dong Young Lee follows through with his tee shot. Guam junior golfer Brett Salas places his tee on the teeing ground of hole No. 17. Championship Flight eventual winner eventual willing Ryan Lim watches his ball rolls toward hole No. 17. A golfer faces two sand traps as he tackles hole No. 18.

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By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

he Talaabwogh Falcons took their third straight championship in the Junior League division after downing the Comets, 8-2, in their title showdown in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Falcons finished strong in the winnertake-all finale, scoring the last two innings to continue their reign in the division. The Falcons began their string of titles with a 3-2 finals win over the IT&E Fielders in 2015, while last year they pulled off a come-from-behind 10-7 triumph over the Enforcers.

In the 2017 title match between the Falcons and the Comets, the former were just ahead by one after four complete innings, 3-2, but managed to widen the gap in the closing

stages of the game after making two runs in the fifth and adding three in the sixth, while holding

their foes scoreless in the final four innings.

Before their meltdown, a two-run top of the fourth kept the Comets in contention. Bing Nakamura gave the Comets their first run off a Joel Norita wild pitch, while Sab Saures recorded the other run off the Falcons' miscue to cut the deficit to one, 2-3.

The Falcons once led at 3-0, thanks to Isaiah Teigita and Nickson Smith's runs off the

Comets' errors at the bottom of the first and an A.J. Sanchez's wild pitch that brought home Jericho Jones in the second inning. The Falcons failed to score in the third and fourth

inning, allowing the Comets to stay in the game.

The three-time champion then broke their silence at the

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# Twin wins for Ol'Aces Elite; DYS, NMI Rollers prevail

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The Ol'Aces Elite notched a pair of wins last week, while DYS Rollers and NMI Rollers topped their respective opponents in the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League.

The Ol'Aces Elite first defeated sister team Ol'Aces Extreme, 67-41, in the boys U15 division game last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and then had a similar easy victory

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against the Young Natibu War-



# arks 3-record swims

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Saipan Swim Club's Jinno-

suke Suzuki more than made up for his muffed bid for the top honors in the 2017 Guam Swimming Championships

after earning three age group marks in the boys 11 to 12 division of the competition held late last month at the Hagatna





Pool. In his first event in the meet that took place May

19 and 20, Suzuki timed in at 18:49.63 in the 1,500m freestyle to surpass his own record of 19:04.79, which

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Saipan Swim Club's Jinnosuke Suzuki, seen here competing in the 400m freestyle swim during the SSC international meet early this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool, earned age group marks in the Guam tournament last month.